The Untold Secrets of Cabo Verde, the Treaty of Tordesilhas and the Un-Holy Roman Empire

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INTRODUCTION

In this report I will try to establish that Cabo Verde made significant contributions to the Treaty of Tordesilhas in 1494 and that it is this treaty that can be traced to many of the problems facing the world today. Many people have heard of the Discovery Age and the Treaty of Tordesilhas that partitioned the world between Spain and Portugal under the leadership of the Pope, but I have yet to find a detailed study to determine the effectiveness of the treaty and the consequences which are still evident today. However, I am seeing signs that there are writers and organizations who have recently recognized some of the consequences of this treaty and with that in mind I have decided to prepare a special report with emphasis on some of the key elements of the treaty and how it was enforced and eventually created the world that we live in today as well as many of the associated problems. In fact, these associated problems will be the main focus of this research as key historical problems evolve, it should be seen that there is a natural link which involves all of them. It may also be argued that the starting point of this discussion could begin long before the Treaty of Tordesilhas in 1494, but in my opinion for this work the reality is, that it was this treaty that accelerated the problems of today at an incredible speed, heretofore, unknown in the history of mankind. As a result of this historical enigma, there has been very little reflection of the true causes of the real problems of today, which in turn only leads to the postponement of real solutions to these problems. As a result of this dilemma, I have tried to provide some of my own views with related recommendations with the expressed hope that those individuals who are inclined to seek a new level of understanding will have some guidelines to follow. Of course, I do not expect the average reader to be so inclined in this

direction, since there is obviously a lot of work involved in such an undertaking. Due to the sensitivity of the matter, I do believe that all readers should at least be afforded the opportunity to think about many unusual issues that are not usually found in the mainstream media. So it is with this view that I have ventured on writing this work that I hope will be enlightening to those who have the courage and patience to read it.

Unfortunately, in order to deal with these problems, I have had no choice but to touch on sensitive subjects that could possibly offend some of the readers and yet it is virtually impossible to treat this work in any other manner while providing the desired results which are based on historical facts as much as possible. Ironically, much of our historical information has been traditionally based on very unreliable data that has given us some very poor impressions of reality that has restricted our ability to develop as human beings and reaching our true potential in the process. Hopefully, the majority of the readers will understand these comments and try to take the time and review the references in order that they may satisfy their own curiosity which most likely will have a dramatic effect on the way they see the world and at the same time they will take the necessary steps to better cope with the existing problems.

While I have tried to use references that offer an honest appraisal of the problems I do admit that some of the references will be obviously biased, but unfortunately, sometimes it is difficult to avoid. This was one of the difficult challenges that I encountered throughout this project as I tried to navigate stormy seas. My hope is that the reader will try to be honest with him or herself as much as possible when

evaluating the information presented herein. Hopefully, in this way, it will be a learning experience for all of us.

CHAPTER 1 – RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL ORIGINS OF THE PROBLEMS

Pope Nicholas V had written a couple of Papal Bulls in 1452 and 1455 (Paul) which authorized Portugal to discover new lands and capture and Christianize the Pagans and other non-believers while conquering the natives and enslaving them if desired. The dates are significant because Portugal had already been invading the coast of West Africa and making major slave raids in 1444 and 1445. It is very possible that King Alfonzo V requested the bull from the Pope to legalize his slave raids. It appears that the Pope had seen a great opportunity to enhance the power of the papacy while holding tremendous influence over Catholic monarchies and so the Pope legalized the slave raids which were beginning to produce significant profits.

Portugal and Spain were rivals in the Atlantic and in 1479 a treaty was signed between the two rivals to divide their navigational activities between them, in the Treaty of Alcoçavas (Treaty of Alcoçavas). Later, in 1493, a new Papal Bull was written by Pope Alexander VI, which is known as Inter Caetera. This Bull was written shortly after Columbus had returned from the New World on his first voyage across the Atlantic and was strongly biased in favor of Spain without mentioning Portugal. In this case, it is important to point out that this Bull was made by Pope Alexander VI who was Spanish from Valencia and his family was a vassal of the Catholic Kings. Thus, it was only natural that Portugal would contest the Inter Caetera and request that a new treaty be made. It should also be noted that Columbus returned to Portugal after his voyage to the New World and briefed King John II for a couple of days before venturing onward to brief the Spanish

Monarchs. Some historians have argued that the visit to Portugal by Columbus is evidence that Columbus was a spy for the King of Portugal in addition to being of Royal Portuguese blood and most likely from Cuba, Portugal where a statue was recently erected in his honor and a ceremony was attended by the Cuban Ambassador in Portugal (Ball). One Portuguese American medical doctor, Dr. Manuel Luciano da Silva has virtually proven through scientific argumentation that Columbus was almost certainly Portuguese. He did what other so-called historians have failed to do to prove his point. He decided to go to the Vatican to get a copy of the original documentation of the famous papal bulls of 3 May 1493 and 4 May 1493 which refers to Columbus within the contents of the documents by using the Portuguese spelling of his name in both documents (Silva). The interesting aspect of this investigation is the simple fact that the bulls were made by Pope Alexander VI, who was a Spanish Pope and writing the entire documents in Latin while living in Italy and yet he wrote the name of Columbus by using the Portuguese version of his name. It wasn't written in Latin, not in Italian or Spanish but in Portuguese while everything else was written in Latin. In spite of everything, the famous Treaty of Tordesilhas was drawn up in 1494, which would have a tremendous impact on world civilization with many implications in the modern world today as we shall see later in this book.

At this point, I would like to stress that the Treaty of Alcoçovas had stipulations which allowed for the division of exploratory voyages between Spain and Portugal based on a demarcation line of 120 leagues west of Cabo Verde for the benefit of Spain and everything east of the line (except for the Canary Islands) would be to the benefit of Portugal. The voyage of Columbus would have a major impact on the

discussions for the treaty of 1494. It is also believed that Portugal had secret information regarding the location of Brazil (especially after Columbus spoke with the King) and therefore, the King of Portugal insisted on revising the demarcation line in the new treaty and making it 370 leagues west of Cabo Verde instead of 120 leagues. This revision would insure that Brazil would be included in Portugal's area of influence otherwise; the Inter Caetera was written in such a way that the entire New World was already given to Spain by the Pope.

There would be other revisions over the next few decades, but this is the treaty that started it all and is remembered as the treaty that divided the world between the two super powers of the 15th century. The interesting thing is that there were always problems in trying to determine exactly where in Cabo Verde the line was officially drawn. Unfortunately, there has never been an official location in Cabo Verde designated to satisfy this requirement because both Spain and Portugal had their own reasons for selecting the proper location, which was most likely based on secret information that they weren't willing to share with one another. Yet despite the problems, the treaty worked amazingly well.

Cabo Verde is actually a small country of only 4,033 sq km scattered over 10 main islands, but the water surface is huge and the distance between some islands is considerable. It has been said that there is one place in Santiago where one can see all of the islands on a clear day, but generally speaking, it would be extremely difficult to see more than a couple of islands from most locations. This situation would eventually have serious repercussions when assessing land claims on the other side of the world by the Portuguese and the Spanish as they reached Asia and disputes would break out as their

respective interpretations of the line would differ. For example, at first the Spice Islands (present day Indonesia and southern part of the Philippines) was in the Portuguese sphere of influence and later it was conceded to Spain because it was believed that after Magellan's voyage around the world that it was proven to be in the Spanish sphere of influence. Today geographers believe that it should have remained with Portugal. Still it is important to understand that the Philippines was created as a direct result of the Treaty of Tordesilhas and named after Prince Phillip (1527-1598) of Spain who later became King (Name of the Philippines). Many other territories in Asia were awarded to Portugal as a result of this treaty, some examples are: Macau, East Timor, Goa, etc.

Another interesting feature of this famous treaty was the authority given to the Commander of the exploration voyages to convert the natives to Christianity. This could be accomplished through persuasion or by force depending on the circumstances and supported by the Pope. For the astute observer of history, this practice will raise a few eyebrows as well as the rationale of the Pope in making these judgments. The typical response to such inquiries in the modern world is that times are different and that is the way things were done at that time in history. Ironically, **that assessment is being called into question today by some very influential people and for good reason which will be explored a little later.**

CHAPTER 2 – CONTRIBUTIIONS OF CABO VERDE

Now I would like to examine some of the reasons that the contributions to the treaty by Cabo Verde were extremely significant in order to make it effective as well as updating some of the problems today which are actually based on this treaty of 1494. Some contributions were clearly based on the demarcation line as explained previously, but many contributions have been obviously overlooked by historians for unexplained reasons. Here are some of the reasons why Cabo Verde was important to the treaty:

1. It is situated in a strategic location in the Atlantic Ocean and after its discovery in 1460 it became a well known landmark for map makers and seamen

2. It was under the jurisdiction of the Portuguese and was settled by Europeans, Africans, Jews, Arabs and mestizos (people of mixed blood) as Cape Verdeans. This fact is extremely important, because it allowed Portugal to control the islands and the surrounding area. For example, if this area had been settled and controlled by Muslims instead of Cape Verdeans and Portuguese, it would have been virtually impossible to enforce the treaty because the Portuguese and Spanish would have had to measure the 370 leagues west of Cabo Verde and the treaty required that they come first to Cabo Verde in order to calculate the distance. So naturally, if they did not have access to Cabo Verde because of control by the Muslims, they would not have been able to determine the demarcation line which was absolutely necessary if the treaty was going to work.

3. The first Catholic Church in the Tropics, Nossa Senhora da Conceiçao (Our Lady of the Conception), was built in Ribeira Grande on the island of Santiago in the 1460's.

4. With this control Portugal could control key points on the African coast.

5. With the "official discovery" of Brazil, Portugal could extend this control to South America and the South Atlantic.

6. With the control of Brazil and Africa, Portugal could control the trade route to India and Asia without any significant rivals. This route was of tremendous importance, because the Europeans desired goods from Asia but only Portugal had access to these ports (with the lone exception of Venice). Portugal also had superior ships compared to other countries.

7. The archipelago of Cabo Verde became a logistical support base in the middle of the Atlantic with a primary function to serve the kingdom to provide assistance to ships traveling to and from Brazil, Africa and the Orient. This support was the basis for globalization that we understand today.

8. Portugal was able to discover countries of Africa and Asia and according to some historians the Portuguese discovered Australia and sailed around the entire continent between 1521 and 1524 (Theory). One researcher, Dr. Silva has information that credits the Portuguese navigator Cristovao de Mendonça as the discoverer of Australia in 1522 (---.).

9. Many churches were built in Cabo Verde and the Africans were baptized as Christians and eventually the Jesuits arrived in the archipelago in the early 17th century. The Jesuits trained Cape Verdean priests to be missionaries and these priests helped convert indigenous tribes to Catholicism within the Portuguese Empire. In more modern times Cape Verdeans have been very active in the development of what has become known as Christian Rationalism which seems to be a hybrid between religion and philosophy. Some people may call it spiritualism. This movement was founded in Cabo Verde on the Island of San Vicente in 1911 by a Cape Verdean, Augusto Messias (Maninho) de Burgo a native of São Vicente (Vasconcelos). Later he went to Brazil where it was promoted by a Portuguese Brazilian, Luiz de Mattos and has since spread to about 20 countries mainly by Cape Verdean protagonists.

10. Cape Verdeans provided logistical support to the first settlers of Brazil. This assistance would help insure that Portugal would take control of Brazil and establish the largest Portuguese speaking country in the world

11. Naturally, Portugal would expand her culture and language in other parts of Africa and Asia, while all of the support ships would be passing through the archipelago for maintenance, supplies and recreation.

12. While Portugal was expanding her language and culture in Brazil, Africa and Asia, with the support of Cabo Verde, Spain was also taking advantage of her opportunities that were authorized by the treaty and

colonizing most of South America, the Caribbean and large tracts of territories in North America and Asia.

13. Perhaps it can be said that a troika that represented the Vatican, Portugal and Spain actually took control of North America, South America, The Caribbean, Central America and large parts of Africa and Asia. I will provide more details shortly on the role played by the treaty in North America as well as Australia.

14. In the meantime it should be seen that this treaty was the basis for the Iberian countries to control the language, culture, religion and legal systems of over 600,000,000 people today in the Iberian American countries but it doesn't end there as we shall soon see.

15. The first Catholic Church in America was built in St Mary's, Maryland and was built with labor of some indentured servants that are believed to have originated from Cabo Verde. They also are believed to have attended the first mass celebrated in America. This project enabled the Vatican to get a foothold in America (Gaines).

16. The Oregon Territory was explored by the crews of the American ships; The Columbia and the Lady Washington more than a decade before the arrival of Lewis and Clark in the area. There were several Cape Verdean crew members on board these ships and one was named Marcus Lopes. By applying the doctrine of first discovery principle by a Christian nation these explorations became instrumental in awarding the United States the Oregon Territory in the Oregon Treaty

in 1846 (Oregon). This is an area about the size of Spain and Portugal combined.

17. There is yet another major invisible feature of the treaty that is not readily seen by historians. Unfortunately, this feature was the trafficking of slaves who were Christianized before arriving in the Americas. These slaves would make a major impact on the cultures of the American countries in many ways, for example, through the practice of miscegenation, a whole new race would begin to gradually appear in the western hemisphere as well as new vernacular languages generally known as Creole languages. There was also the introduction of new musical sounds and other new developments regarding culture and religion. In religion they have made a major economic impact in Black communities in the United States.

18. Another hidden contribution of Cape Verdeans is the incorporation of what is believed to be the first Christian church in America when Manuel da Graça who was born in Brava, Cabo Verde, incorporated the United House of Prayer for all Peoples in 1927 in Washington D.C. This church is represented in dozens of states and is believed to have had about 3 million worshippers at its peak. It should be noted that several reporters have recognized the economic contributions of this church to the growth of depressed areas in large cities of the United States, especially in the Black communities of Washington D.C., in fact they have acknowledged that their contributions are significant, since any visitor to Washington D.C. can see the economy that has been built around this church. This church represents a major

economic stimulus program to the Black community in America (Rath).

19. On 31 December 1999, Pope John Paul II, in a ceremony that closed out the last millennium, said that, "the greatest event of the last millennium was the discovery of America" (Silva). He never mentioned Cabo Verde or Cape Verdeans in this speech but it should be noted that the Treaty of Tordesilhas was written less than 2 years after Columbus returned from the New World and two papal bulls were written only a few weeks after Columbus returned. These bulls dated 3 May and 4 May 1493, mention Columbus by name and refer directly to the New World and Cabo Verde**. It is therefore impossible to ignore Cabo Verde in the most important event of the last millennium**. In fact all of this information can be found in the Pope's own library, otherwise known as the Vatican Library.

20. Another incredible role played by Cabo Verde and Cape Verdeans in world history was the direct assistance given to Europeans who crossed the Atlantic from Europe in steamships in the 19th and 20th century during their stopping over periods in Cabo Verde for logistical support and rest and recreation before traveling onwards to South America, South Africa, Asia and Australia (Mindelo). In 1939 The Italians built an airport in Cabo Verde on the island of Sal and began to transport Italians to South America by air, many of these travelers went to Argentina (Almeida). Today these people are known as Hispanics, South Africans or Afrikaners and Australians. Many of these people originated from the Middle East and sought a better life in South America. Now

hopefully, when people see Europeans in South Africa, South America and Australia, common sense should tell them that these people have only been there for a few generations and most likely their ancestors reached their destinations by stopping in Cabo Verde for a few days. The Suez Canal did not open until 1869, so they certainly didn't travel to Australia by way of the Suez Canal before 1869 (Suez Canal). And of course there was no air service at this time. But fortunately, for them Cabo Verde was prepared to support this mission with coal stations for refueling the steamships several decades before the opening of the Suez Canal and very few people recognize the contributions of Cabo Verde in this transfer of civilizations around the world that dramatically changed the demographics and geopolitical spheres of the modern world.

21. This redistribution of civilizations around the world would eventually have an extraordinary impact on the world economy, history and culture. For example, great sports figures such as Pele of Brazil, Maradona of Argentina and all of the great tennis players such as Rod Laver and John Newcombe in addition to the great swimmers of Australia most likely are descendants of emigrants who benefitted from their passage through Cabo Verde. Many Olympic athletes and major league baseball players from the Caribbean have their roots in Cabo Verde as their ancestors were being transported from Africa through Cabo Verde to the New World. Some of these athletes are earning hundreds of millions of dollars and have made a major impact on the economies of their native countries as well as the United

States. Many of these people may not be aware of Cabo Verde and the relationship to the Caribbean slave trade.

22. There is also the story of Alex Haley, the author of "Roots" which was an international best seller in the late 1970s, whereby the author traces his African roots to the very same tribes in Africa that were described by the famous Cape Verdean author, Antonio Carreira from the island of Fogo. Carreira describes the tribes of the Wolof, Mandingo and others in his book, "CABO VERDE: Formation and Extinction of a Slave Society" (Carreira). In his book he explains how these people were shipped from Cabo Verde to the New World. This is an extremely important phase of world history; as Haley was able to demonstrate that it was still possible for African Americans to find their roots in Africa. In this respect, I believe that it is very possible that if the African American community could collaborate closely with Cabo Verde on these issues, they could learn a lot about their past which has been lost as a direct result of the slave trade. Unfortunately, most African Americans have never heard of Cabo Verde or Cape Verdeans.

23. As we can see from the statement of Pope John Paul II in 1999 as he closed out the millennium, the most important event of the period was the discovery of America. There are now about 950 million inhabitants living in this hemisphere (Aldama). The overwhelming majority of these are Christians. Therefore we can see that with the Treaty of Tordesilhas being applied and recognized by other nations in Europe, Christianity found new breeding grounds that would dramatically expand the powers of the church, especially the Vatican.

This expansion would give the Vatican a distinct advantage over her chief rival which was Islam. We must remember also that this expansion did not stop in the western hemisphere but was extended to Africa, Asia and Australia which has resulted in the establishment of millions of Christians now residing in these areas. Therefore we can say that there are well over a billion new Christians in the world which are the direct result of the role played by Cabo Verde in history.

24. This new knowledge should also allow us to see for the first time that Islam would easily be the largest religion in the world instead of Christianity. So all Christians and the Pope can thank Cabo Verde for their influence in the world today, because otherwise many of these Christians would be worshipping Allah like Kunta Kinte (the famous character in the novel "Roots" who was a Moslem when he was captured by the English slave traders in his homeland in Africa in 1767) did before becoming a slave in Virginia.

25. There is still another major invisible contribution made by Cabo Verde with a direct impact on the evolution of the United States of America. Many people may not realize it, but the purchase by Thomas Jefferson of the Louisiana Territory in 1803 from Napoleon has a strong relationship to Cabo Verde. In 1802 Napoleon had forced the retrocession of Louisiana From Spain to France and was apparently planning to send French troops to Louisiana to consolidate the French Empire in North America, but first he decided to send his troops under the command of General Victor Leclerc to Santo Domingo (Napoleon needed the island to serve as a

logistical base to support the Louisiana Territory in order to expand his empire) to recapture the island from the slaves who revolted against their masters and took control of the island. Unfortunately, Leclerc lost 10's of thousands of troops to the slave rebels and disease. Henry Adams (the son of the 6th President John Quincy Adams), the historian for Thomas Jefferson, wrote later, that the successful purchase of Louisiana at this point was in large measure due to "**the desperate courage of 500,000 Haitian Negroes who would not be enslaved" (Adams).** It should be mentioned that the slave route from the Coast of Guinea usually went through Cabo Verde to the Caribbean as Antonio Carreira demonstrated in his book, "CABO VERDE: Formation and Extinction of a Slave Society". So, in this case, the slave revolt in Santo Domingo can be seen as a direct result of the influence of Cabo Verde and the slave trade. In the Enciclopedia Luso Brasileira de Cultura, Editorial Verbo, Lisboa, 1991 on page 1486 of Volume 9, it is written "[…] by the Treaty of Ryswick (1697), Spain ceded to France, that part of the island that the French had been calling, the colony of Santo Domingo, where they were cultivating tropical plants with **slaves who were brought from Guinea**. Antonio Carreira, one of the most prominent historians in the history of Cabo Verde, tells us that the creation and the spread of the Creole language took place between 1550 and 1600. Then he goes on to say that "**the Creole language developed in Cabo Verde would have influenced that of the Antilles, especially on the island of Santo Domingos […]" (---.)**. One anonymous writer reports that, "Napoleon blamed the loss of the North American territory on the affair of Santo Domingo and called it his

> Louisianicide". He also suggests that the Louisiana Purchase is viewed as the progenitor of the Monroe Doctrine (Adams). If Napoleon's mission had succeeded, most Americans would probably be speaking French today.

This last item deserves more discussion because of the extraordinary impact it made on the history of the United States. It's important to understand that many of these slaves had roots in West Africa. One of Haiti's greatest leaders, Mackandal was reportedly from Guinea (History). General Toussaint was reportedly from a family originally from the Kingdom of Dahomey (present day Benin) (Toussaint). According to W. E. B .Dubois, in his book, "The Negro", published in 1915, French immigrants would not come to the West Indies in the 17th century so Negros were imported. Slaves were being supplied by the Dutch and Portuguese. Dubois tells us that "**Toussaint was indirectly the means of American Expansion".** He also goes on to tell us that "Napoleon gave up the dream of empire and sold Louisiana for a song" (after he had lost up to 50,000 soldiers in this adventure in Santo Domingo) (Dubois).

There is still another writer, Robert Harms, who has written a book, The Diligent: Worlds of the Slave Trade in 2002. In his book he discusses Cabo Verde, Sao Tomé and Martinique in the slave trade with the Caribbean. This is a book about a voyage through the worlds of the slave trade. The Diligent is a firsthand account of a French slave ship in the 1730's by Lt. Robert Duran who records the details of France's involvement of the Atlantic slave trade on the West Coast of Africa and the Caribbean. He also discusses the involvement of Cabo Verde along the slave route, for example on page 121, the author

Harms reports that Lt. Duran tells us that the Diligent stopped in Cabo Verde to stock up on provisions prior to going to the Kingdom of Whydah, a slave trading center for the French, Dutch, English and Portuguese, who had representatives there. The Kingdom of Whydah was a rival of the Kingdom of Dahomey which was nearby.

In the Historical Dictionary of the Republic of Cabo Verde, 2d edition, the authors Richard Lobban and Marilyn Halter provide us with some important details about Cabo Verde's role in the slave trade. In the 1660's a Cape Verdean slave trading company was created; "Cacheu Rios e Comercío da Guine" which had a slave trade monopoly from Senegal to Sierra Leone including the rivers of Guinea (Lobban and Halter 23). This company was relatively successful until the close of the 17th century when it lost its monopoly to Spanish America. Slaves in Cabo Verde reached its peak between 1475 and 1575. By the 1570's some 5,000 slaves annually went to the New World, especially to the Caribbean and Brazil (Lobban and Halter 104-5). In the late 17th century 2 Cape Verdean companies were established due to marked growth in the New World plantation system, the demand for slaves was high (106).

Some other important observations made by Dr. Richard Lobban in a paper that he presented to UMASS-Dartmouth in 1996, titled "Jews in Cabo Verde and on the Guinea Coast" are the following (Lobban):

- **Thousands of Jews were exiled to Cabo Verde and S. Tome in the 15th Century by Dom Manuel.**

- **These Jews became known as lançados (outcasts) but there were also Christian lançados.**

- **While seeking to convert or expel Jews from Portugal, the Crown in the 16th and 17th centuries allowed or even encouraged the lançados to settle along the Senegambian and Upper Guinea Coast to trade for ivory, hides, slaves, gold, gum, wax and amber while based in Cabo Verde.**

- **Within these islands Jews would receive the same items for later resale to those traders who wanted to avoid the risks of coastal trade if it meant higher costs in the islands.**

- **The term lançados also meant mixed race traders living in the trading communities in the islands or on the coast where they conducted trade. They often had African wives from the local communities so their children would become the future Creole population and become intermediaries for the Portuguese regional trade.**

- **These lançados had a strong presence throughout the Coastal regions of Guinea and to the south as far as Al-Mina (now Ghana) and they coordinated their activities with Tangomaos who were Africans who represented a deeper connection to the interior of Africa.**

It should be noted that in 1587, The Portuguese appointed Duarte Lobo da Gama as the first governor in Cabo Verde whose authority encompassed that of Guinea Bissau (Lobban and Halter 104-5). It should also be noted that these lançados had their own ships, river boats and canoes and were well armed to conduct the slave trading business in a dangerous environment.

Dr. Lobban also credits the research work of Jean Boulegue for the valuable information regarding the history of the Jews in Cabo Verde, but he also cautions us to not point the fingers of blame on any one race because there were different ethnic groups and religions involved in the slave trade, including, Iberians, Moors, Jews and Africans, all of whom contributed to the Creole culture.

I believe that it is also very important to stress the fact that the role of the lançados was extremely significant in the transfer of slaves to Santo Domingo which had a major impact on the development of the history, language and culture of that island which influenced the history and destiny of the United States, based upon information previously cited.

CHAPTER 3 – ENGLAND AND THE TREATY OF TORDESILHAS

It is important to stay focused on the demarcation line in the treaty, because only then can we understand the full relationship between the role played by Cabo Verde and the subsequent problems that lead us into a world of turmoil today. This treaty obviously set into motion the process of colonization of the world by the European powers with the blessings of the Pope, however, my early history lessons gave a very inaccurate picture of the colonization process by countries other than Spain and Portugal. Usually we were taught that once Portugal and Spain started to colonize the world, the other European powers would openly disregard the Pope's authority in the treaty and begin their own colonization process. That's the way that we were taught in the past. Now, I believe that new information will revolutionize that way of thinking.

Many of us were taught that England dispatched her own explorers to discover Canada and North America in direct confrontation with Spain and the Treaty of Tordesilhas, but based on new information, this does not appear to be quite that simple. First of all, many people to this day still think that John Cabot, who made discovery voyages for England, was an Englishman. As a matter of fact John Cabot had several names, but his most common name should have been Giovanni Caboto, who was known to be a citizen of Venice, but also believed to have originally been from Genoa. This is another very important detail that is usually overlooked or ignored by many historians. It is important to stress his Italian heritage, because it is this heritage that links him to the Pope and the Treaty of Tordesilhas. New information reveals that an Italian friar by the name of **Giovanni Antonio Carbonaro** (Jones and

Ruddock). Had access to King Henry VII of England and he and John Cabot became friends. Fra Giovanni had first come to London as a diplomatic envoy for the Duke of Milan to King Henry VII. Once his diplomatic mission ended he stayed in London and was made Deputy Tax Collector when the Papal Tax Collector left the city and went to Rome. His friendship with John Cabot is important because Cabot was seeking funds to make a discovery voyage to North America because he believed that after the voyage by Columbus in 1492 it would be possible to reach Asia by taking a more northern route which would be shorter and quicker. Cabot was actually in Valencia, Spain when Columbus passed through the city on his way to Barcelona in 1493. So Carbonaro arranged for Cabot to present his proposal to the King and the King issued Cabot a warrant in 1496 that authorized him to explore the northern route to Asia and basically giving him the same rights that the Catholic Kings gave to Columbus when he sailed to America. At this point it seems that there must be a conflict with the Treaty of Tordesilhas and that the King of England is overstepping his authority in issuing a warrant to John Cabot to make a discovery voyage. After all, if the Pope authorized Spain and Portugal to divide the world between them, how would it be possible for the King of England to enter into the adventure without authority from the Pope and the recognition of Spain and Portugal? Good question. Unfortunately, the answer, according to my investigation has some frightening implications that should be studied in great detail by the casual reader of history. It could have a dramatic impact on the way that we understand history and religion. We find a strong relationship between money and power.

Here we can go back to the old argument that in medieval times things were different and should not have any effect on

the way that we think today. However, due to the seriousness of the implications, I believe that the reader should make up his or her own mind and to see the facts for what they are regardless of our personal biases. So let me begin by saying that King Henry VII was a catholic monarch who clearly understood the conditions of the Treaty of Tordesilhas. One only has to review the warrant that was issued to John Cabot to satisfy any doubts in that regard. The problem now is to understand how the power structure of Europe functioned in those days in the 1490's while at the same time to keep in mind that the revolutions of Martin Luther and John Calvin did not begin until the 16th century. This means that the monarchs were catholic and paid tribute to the Pope. The Pope also had a tax collector and ambassador in the different kingdoms of Europe. So, it is pretty clear that the catholic monarchs recognized the power of the Pope and any treaties made by him. The Pope is believed to have been the most powerful man in Europe at this time and even had his own army to enforce his rule. It was only after the Protestant Reformation that the Pope would be challenged by rising nation states which rejected the authority of the Pope. Gradually the Popes had been forced to give up secular power and by 1870 the Italian government assumed control of Rome and the Papal States were dissolved. The Papacy was restricted to the Vatican until 1929 when a treaty was signed with Mussolini known as the Lateran Treaty (Cortesi). Mussolini gave the Pope the authority to be both the head of the church and the head of the Vatican City State with the right to maintain diplomatic relations with foreign states. The Papacy existed as a military empire for about 1600 years, dating back to the days of the Emperor Constantine in the 4th century. At that time Constantine supposedly converted the empire to Catholicism, but there have been conflicting reports regarding this conversion involving at least three different

versions of the story. This story has become a legend because it gave the pope temporal power to eventually rule the empire. The story was actually based on a famous battle at Mivlan in the year 312 AD and "the Emperor Constantine saw a sign in the sky with the words "conquer by this sign". That night in a dream he said that he saw Jesus telling him to use the sign; Chi-rho (Greek for X P, meaning Christ)), and he ordered it to be put on the shields" (McCabe). Since he won the battle, he decided to convert the empire to Catholicism. However, that is only one version, another version is that all of his soldiers also saw the sign with a cross in the sky, and a third version describes another Christian sign, IHS (In Hoc Signo) Vinces (in this sign conquer). In this version, the sign was also ordered to be put on the shields. Now without being facetious, I would like to remind you, the reader of this report to review the Lord's Prayer, "[….] thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread **as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil**. Amen". Now ask yourself if the religion that sponsored these words also sponsored the words of the Emperor Constantine in the battle of Mivlan. In this scenario, it seems that the church is first seeking conquest of her enemies and then asking for forgiveness. This practice appears to be symbolic of religious teaching throughout history, while the faithful are asked to have faith in their leaders.

Just like there is a set of rules for Wall Street bankers and another set of rules for the taxpayers it seems as though there are two sets of rules in this world; one set of rules for the rich and powerful and one set of rules for everybody else.

In the end the cross replaced the eagle of the Roman Empire and Pope Damasus would become the first pope to become the

Supreme Pontiff of the Roman Empire in 382. More will be discussed on this subject in the final chapters of this book. Giving up military power is not easy, but the Pope had little or no choice in the matter and today the military still exists but only as a small ceremonial unit from Switzerland.

By authorizing Kings and Queens to conquer non-believers and converting them to Christianity while taking possession of new lands and islands during their explorations, the Pope was actually expanding his power around the world and the monarchs were acting as his marshals to fulfill his ambitions. Here is an example of that power as examined by Almerindo Lessa, author of "MACAU-1996", According to the author; "the Pope partitioned the world between the kings of Portugal and Spain, and the Treaty of Tordesilhas opened up a new political cultural environment that was defended by the Council of the India's, which gave it a Hispanic Catholic jurisdiction that would be worldwide in scope. Hernan Cortez carried a text written by the jurists of the Palacio Rubios when he went to Mexico. In this text the Spaniards informed the Indians that God created one man and one woman whose descendants covered the entire world and instructed one of them to govern the world as a superior prince, unto which all mankind must obey, thus he was the head of the entire human lineage and was known as the Pope and he had awarded all the islands and the continents of the ocean to the King of Spain and for this reason Cortez demanded that the Indians accept their situation as vassals to these kings as they were already obligated to do so". Here, I am sure that the author is referring to the "Requerimento (Requirement)" that can be found on the Wikipedia Web page. Christians were required to read this document to the Indians before they attacked them, even though the Indians didn't understand a word that was being

said. As far as the Christians were concerned, that was the Word of God and would be applied accordingly.

Now I would like to return to the situation with King Henry VII and his decision to challenge the conditions of the treaty which were designed for Spain and Portugal without any mention of England. Another little known fact would be the upcoming marriage preparations between King Henry's eldest son Arthur and Catherine of Aragon, who was the daughter of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Castile and Aragon. This marriage was desired by the Vatican because it would strengthen the ties between the Vatican and the Spanish and English Kingdoms while being a powerful preventive measure to avoid any wars between the two powerful nations that would have a negative impact on the authority of the Pope. Catherine could also be expected to play a diplomatic role and keep Spain updated on political issues in London that could be of interest to Spain.

By issuing a warrant to John Cabot for his discovery voyages, King Henry VII was risking excommunication by the Pope (the threat of excommunication was clearly spelled out in the Papal Bull of 1493 for any Kingdom that violated the conditions of the Bull) (Inter Caetera), by openly challenging the Treaty of Tordesilhas. Apparently, this must have been a calculated risk by the King because he was well aware that the Pope wanted the marriage to take place between Arthur and Catherine in order to enhance the power of the Vatican. Excommunication would have had serious effects for both the Pope and the King. The King probably would not have been recognized by other Catholic Monarchs because they were all subordinate to the Pope and the Pope probably would not have been able to collect taxes from the King. Under these

conditions, the Pope most likely felt that it was best to remain silent on the issue.

In recent history, we hear about royal families marrying for love, but this certainly was not necessarily the case in medieval times. Marriages were frequently arranged to extend the power of the rulers. Thus it was common for royal families to seek marriage candidates from other European royal families. So in our example, Arthur married Catherine, but unfortunately, Arthur had a mysterious illness and died only a few months after the marriage and it is believed that Catherine was preparing to return to Castile, but King Henry VII had another younger son named Henry who became famous for marrying six wives and beheading a couple of them. Catherine of Aragon was to become his first wife. All of this information is important to digest because it has a strong impact on the values of the Pope in making his judgments on international issues in which he was often involved.

There is another little known fact about England at the end of the 15th century, and that is the existence of an Italian community in London similar to those Italian communities in Lisbon and Seville. Not only was there an Italian community in London, but there was also an Italian bank in the city. New information seems to indicate that there was a branch of the Spinola Bank from Genoa. The Italian friar Giovanni Carbonaro is believed to have been very influential in this bank (as well as the Italian merchant community in general) and he was also the Deputy Tax Collector for the Pope's tax **collector Antonio Castlelli** who departed London and became King Henry VII's Proctor in Rome before being assigned as the Clerk of the Treasury for the Vatican. Now we can start to connect the dots and begin to see that the Pope must have been

well aware of the discovery voyages by John Cabot, especially since Cabot was given authority to make the voyage in the name of the King, but he would have to find his own funds to make the trip. The major source of the funds would come from the Italian business community in London which of course would have included the Italian bank from Genoa and not from the King of England. This is also a new revelation. Is it fair to say that the Pope had a hand in authorizing the funds to finance the voyages of John Cabot? Perhaps, but only if we can support that argument with proper documentation, but in the meantime, it appears that the Ambassador to London for the Pope had to be aware of the arrangements since his deputy Carbonaro was a close friend of John Cabot and it was he who arranged for Cabot to make his proposal to the King. In fact according to the researcher Alywn Ruddock, Carbonaro offered support to Cabot's project. She even gives strong indications that the friar had personal motives and ambitions to help support Cabot. It appears that Giovanni had knowledge of the missionaries who accompanied Columbus in 1493, which was a papal backed mission and this could have inspired his missionary zeal to assist Cabot.

Now the story starts to get better. The friar Carbonari participates in the voyages of John Cabot as a missionary (Jones and Condon). By this time we should all know why missionaries are included in the discovery voyages. Their missions were clearly written in the Papal Bulls and the treaties that resulted from the Bulls. Some of the main functions of the missionaries were to: 1. officially bless the new land for the Roman Catholic Church (after the land was claimed for the King) 2. Establish a church (probably called a mission) and 3. Convert the indigenous souls to Christianity. These functions could only be authorized by the Pope.

There are still a few more important observations about the John Cabot voyages and the Treaty of Tordesilhas that must be explained. The world map of 1500 made by Juan de la Cosa shows 5 English flags along the North American sea coast which gives the impression that John Cabot must have sailed down the eastern sea coast to Florida or even possibly to Venezuela (Mapping North America). This situation raises many unanswered questions. King Henry VII most likely had no desire to enter into an area that was already known to Christian explorers, so he almost certainly would not have wanted Cabot to sail all the way to the Caribbean where Columbus and the Spanish were making their territorial claims in accordance with existing bulls and treaties. Another unanswered question would be, "How did la Cosa get the information to make his map in the first place?" Is it possible that the maps of Cabot were confiscated by Spanish ships which were operating in the area? We do know that la Cosa sailed with Columbus on the first voyage to the New World and probably had some familiarity with the area.

One writer, José Antonio Solis, tells us that the Spanish navigator Alonzo de Ojeda saw marshy territories in 1499 that were later determined to be in the state of Rio Grande do Norte in Brazil. Solis names Juan de La Cosa and Americo Vespucci as being participants on the voyage with Ojeda (53). He also suggests that both Vespucci and La Cosa were believed to be spies for Florence (here he implies the bank in Florence which would most certainly be the Medici Bank) and Spain (here he says that La Cosa had access to the Lisbon Court) (51). There is still the possibility that Ojeda may have come in contact with Cabot's explorations in the Caribbean and either confiscated his maps or extracted information from the crew one way or

another in order that La Cosa could make his new world map around the year 1500.

So even though we do not have the pure hard facts to support these arguments, we do have enough information to pursue these arguments and more information should surface soon as a result of current research.

So far in this paper we have seen how Cabo Verde played a major role in making the treaty possible between Spain and Portugal with the blessings of the Pope and we have also reviewed a lot of previously unknown information that shows how the King of England managed to find a way to use the same treaty conditions with the silent approval of the Pope that would eventually lead to the colonization of North America and the beginning of the British Empire, which at one time controlled about 25% of the earth's total surface. Today, the British Commonwealth of Nations; the successor to the British Empire; represents 54 member states with a population of more than 2 billion inhabitants or nearly one third of the world's population (Commonwealth). Some people might even consider that the United States should be seen as a de facto member of the British Commonwealth since as a former colony they certainly would qualify and besides their international policies are very similar. English is the preferred language of business throughout the world. We have also examined on a limited scale, the influence of the Pope and his involvement in the discovery of new lands and the conversion of non-believers to Christianity in the undeveloped world with a tremendous assist from the people of Cabo Verde who at times became missionaries and for a variety of reasons played a major role in this conversion.

CHAPTER 4 – THE MINDSET OF THE POPES AND THE CONSEQUENCES FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Now, I believe that it is time to take a closer look at the Popes who started these ventures in order that we may get a better understanding of the world of today. Let's first take a look at what Pope Nicholas V had to say in the Bull of 1455.

The Bull-8 Jan 1455: Romanus Pontifex of Pope Nicholas V conceding to D. Afonso V and his successors and the Infante D. Henrique, the conquest, occupation and appropriation of all the lands, ports, islands and seas of Africa, from Cape Bojador and Nun to Guinea, inclusive and off the whole southern coast to its extreme point. In all these lands**, they may impose laws, penalties and prohibitions, and may found monasteries, religious houses and churches, whose patronage will rest with them. Further they may reduce infidels to slavery, and invade conquer and occupy any lands of the Saracens (*Muslims*) and pagans.** The Bull forbids all Christians from navigating and fishing in the aforementioned seas and from trading in the said lands and with their inhabitants, unless previously licensed by the King of Portugal and the Infante D. Henrique. The license assumes the payment of tribute. [….] (Nicholas V).

This Bull gives an excellent overview of the thinking of the Popes and their ambitions for what is clearly a plan for world conquest. This particular bull favored Portugal. The Bull of 1493 favored Spain and then in 1494 we come to the famous comprise between Spain and Portugal. These ideas were not entirely new, in fact Pope Urban II had written a similar bull nearly five centuries earlier in 1095 when he organized the first of the Christian Crusades against Islam (Pope Urban II).

However, these bulls and treaties were fully enforced and unleashed with a fury never before known to mankind. It is important to note how the word infidel is used in the aforementioned bull because this is a word that infuriated Thomas Jefferson who was frequently accused of being an infidel by priests while he served as president and consequently he despised priests who used such words as infidel as a pretext to justifying their powers over mankind. Such priests believed that they had a god given right to coerce people to their way of believing, but **Jefferson believed that these priests were irrational and therefore could not represent a god who by his very nature would have to be rational. Jefferson believed that God was a "Rational Creator".** According to Jeremy Koselak, Jefferson believed that "Jesus demanded resistance to authority if it infringed upon essential freedoms" (Koselak).

It would be this manner of thinking that would influence the new settlers to the New World to take possession of the new lands without the consent of the native inhabitants and converting these people to the new religion. If you take a close look at this particular Bull of 1455, it can be seen that the Pope was very interested in taxing all Christians who requested a license for commercial activity in the newly discovered seas and lands. This is also a direct reflection of the control that the Pope had over the Catholic Kings. This thinking is also a forerunner to the doctrine of Manifest Destiny which was based on the Doctrine of Discovery. Actually it was in the Borgia Bull of 1493 that the Law of Nations was conceived by Pope Alexander VI, which states in part, "[….] that none of the islands and main lands, found and to be found, discovered and to be discovered, beyond that said line towards the west and south, be in actual possession of any Christian King or

Prince…", which basically means that; **one Christian nation did not have the right to establish dominion over lands previously dominated by another Christian nation** "(Inter Caetera). This principle established the Law of Nations and used as the Doctrine of Discovery during the partition of America. It can also be deduced from this principle that despite the Treaty of Tordesilhas which divided the world between Spain and Portugal, another Christian nation could still claim a new territory by raising a flag in the name of the king as the British did in Australia in the 18th century. Basically, the other Christian nations simply applied the doctrine of discovery to Christianize the new found lands and to take possession of them which was the main objective of the Pope.

Once again, by connecting the dots, it can be seen how the North American continent was divided amongst the European powers that recognized the rights of discovery **as applied by Christian nations.** The English staked their initial claims to the continent as a Catholic nation with the "unofficial" blessings of the Pope as was mentioned earlier. In 1527 King Henry VIII became angry with the Pope because he couldn't get a divorce from Catherine so he decided to become the head of the church himself and get his own divorce made legal. Nevertheless, his daughter Mary who was Queen from 1553 - 58 and known in history as "Bloody Mary", was so angry with the new church that she decided to execute the clergy that would not return to Catholicism as she reestablished the Catholic church during her bloody reign. The return to the Catholic Church did not last long, because Elizabeth, King Henry VIII's first daughter followed Mary and returned the Anglican Church as the official Church of England with the Monarchy as the Governor of the church. She became England's most famous queen and reigned for 45 years. The

Pope excommunicated her in 1570. These events give us some kind of picture of the religious turmoil in England which led to the exodus of English families seeking religious freedom from persecution in England and sailing to the new lands of North America. In fact the English were killing suspected witches on a regular basis. Witch hunts, torture and execution of witches were all authorized by the doctrine, "Malleus Malificarum" (The Hammer against the Witches) authorized by Pope Innocent VIII near the end of the 15th century and in 1591 King James of Scotland authorized the torture of witches in Scotland (Linder). This is interesting because they fled religious persecution in England and decided to oppress the natives of North America because of their different beliefs, especially after being welcomed by the natives in their early settlements.

The Indian problem became a situation that would demand the utmost of attention from the new government in the United States after the Revolutionary War. The new country would clearly desire to attract Christians who were fleeing Europe due to religious uncertainties but the Indians still occupied large territories which were their ancestral lands. The original thinking was to relocate the Indians west of the Mississippi River, but all of a sudden the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory in 1803, which represented one third of the land area of the present day continental United States and this purchase created total chaos for the Indians. Thomas Jefferson who preached equality and reportedly had great respect for the Indians decided to settle the Indians on reservations and evict them from their homelands. It is obvious that the claim to the lands were taken in accordance with the doctrine of discovery and awarded to Spain and then transferred to France before being sold to the United States. There was nothing the Indians could say because the Pope was the ultimate authority and his

bulls and treaties had already sanctioned the validity of this practice so the doctrine of discovery was considered the legal means to take the land from the Indians. **By applying this doctrine, the Indians were treated as non-persons**. This practice prevails to this very day. By this time the Americans had superior military forces to enforce their rule. Case closed.

It was probably during the first half of the 19th century when Americans started to feel strongly about manifest destiny. Darwin had made his famous voyage on the Beagle around the world in 1832 and made his first stop in Cabo Verde after setting out from England and wrote the" Origin of the Species". He wrote about the "survival of the fittest" and this philosophy started to attract the new Americans into believing that they were competing with the Indians for survival and thus it was necessary that the Indians be subdued in order for the new American civilization to prevail uncontested. So when we think of manifest destiny, we can think of the doctrine of discovery with strong influences from Charles Darwin and his philosophy of survival of the fittest, in addition to the papal bulls and the Treaty of Tordesilhas (American Progress). The Americans somehow seemed to believe that they had a God given right to seek as much land as possible because they were building a land of freedom which was unprecedented in history and therefore they expected to be protected by God. Indians were considered to be inferior peoples so they would have to adapt by becoming Europeanized and accepting the new American way of life or suffer the consequences. Many people to this day still believe that Indians were simply a victim of history and being at the wrong place and at the wrong time of history which resulted in their demise. Cabo Verde, of course was directly or indirectly involved in all of these events.

The principle of manifest destiny probably reached a critical phase in the aftermath of the conquest of the Alamo in Texas in the 1830's when the Americans took Texas from Mexico. Many American politicians wanted to take all of Mexico and probably Central America as well in order to secure America's borders from foreigners. Ironically, the counter argument implied that it would be too difficult to absorb millions of Latin Americans in America and could create many internal problems that America had not anticipated especially since the Mexicans were of a different race. However, there was little doubt that America wanted to control the entire hemisphere in due time as it was emerging as the most powerful nation in the region.

One of the major instruments to control the hemisphere was implied in the Monroe Doctrine which was introduced by President James Monroe on 2 December 1823 to keep Europeans from interfering in the affairs of the western hemisphere. The United States, took the position of being the "Big Brother" for all of Latin America. This philosophy would give the United States a working relationship with the countries of the hemisphere and a major voice in economic and trade relations which would make the nations dependent on Big Brother for their survival while Big Brother would have priority access to the natural wealth of the region. In other words, instead of conquering these countries by military invasions, the new concept of manifest destiny would be to use American influence to persuade these countries to comply with the new realities and recognize the United States as the dominant power of the region. There are several specific examples which highlight this philosophy. For example, there is the Spanish American War of 1898 which many writers considered to be unnecessary and Spain did not want the war,

but the Americans wanted Spain out of the area and as a result, the United States defeated Spain in the war and took possession of Spanish islands that included Puerto Rico in the Caribbean and the Philippine Islands on the other side of the world in the Pacific Ocean. Of course, Spain was also evicted from Cuba, so any new administration in Cuba would have the blessings of the United States until Fidel Castro's revolution 60 years later. Another good example is the **9-11/terrorist campaign to overthrow democracy that did not meet with the approval of the United States.** This was the case in Chile on September 11th, 1973, when the Nixon Administration guided by Henry Kissinger, desired the overthrow of a democratically elected government which was led by Allende (Venturino). Thousands of people were executed by firing squads because of their support for democracy and military pilots fired missiles into the presidential palace (La Moneda Palace) where Allende died on that fateful day in history. Allende was the newly democratically elected president. In this way the United States was able to control Chile. No American has ever faced trial for this act of terrorism despite the factual evidence that Nixon and Kissinger gave the order to overthrow democracy and establish a dictatorship. Why is it that the terrorist attacks of 9/11 1973 are so easily forgotten while those of 9/11 2001 can't be forgotten? Then of course there is the famous standoff between the United States and the Soviet Union during the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962 in which the United States invoked the Monroe Doctrine as her legal authority to get rid of the Soviet missiles in Cuba.

The above examples are just used to stress some of the more famous incidents that reflect the doctrine of manifest destiny as used by the United States. Basically the philosophy evolved from one of military invasion as was the practice in the

Continental United States when Indian lands were confiscated or otherwise taken by military means against the British and or the French, to one of persuasion which was designed to accept the influence of the United States by the client states of Latin America in exchange for security of the local administrations. One famous American professor and writer tells us that Latin American dictators received terrorist training at American schools and applied their new knowledge in such a way that their statistics of imprisonments, torture, killings and other abuses of human rights were far greater than those that occurred in the Soviet Union and the Eastern Bloc nations (www.alternet.org/authors/3640). This information has also been reported by an activist and writer Wes Enzinna in an article entitled, "The School of the Americas and Memory in Latin America" on 20 Nov 2006. In this article he tells us that during Ronald Reagan's two terms as president, he had a Cold War-era Central American policy that resulted in the killings of "**over 300,000 people, tortured hundreds of thousands and drove millions into exile"** (Enzinna).The historian, Greg Grandin can probably provide more related information in his book, "Empires Workshop: US Allies in Central America". Other information can be found at: www.soaw.org This is a watchdog group that monitors the situation in Latin America in an effort to help eliminate these crimes.

The importance of these revelations is simply to help the reader understand how many of the problems of today evolved from the history of the past which is very rarely cited in the media when discussing riots and uprisings around the world. Yet, despite, the risk of offending people for their opinions, one only has to review the details in libraries or on the Internet to verify these comments. My purpose in revealing this information is to help people judge for themselves the issues

that affect them so they can have a better idea of how to deal with the problems when it comes time to vote for their favorite candidate. Actually, this information may help explain the low voter turnout in some countries. Large segments of the informed population view their political leaders as hypocrites and do not have the will to support them. This information might even help people make better investment decisions that could change their lives. The best investment decisions are probably those that counter the expressed views of the politicians. In fact, just the other day I saw on television a very controversial interview with an independent financial trader who says that he dreams of a recession and the current financial problems being experienced by the world today (especially in Europe and the US at the end of 2011), because this is where he will make his money because the politicians will continue to make the wrong decisions. These wrong decisions will create many opportunities for savvy investors who learn to protect themselves and their assets from the current economic chaos which is expected to occur within the next 12 months when fiat currency (paper money) will be virtually worthless due to the wrongheaded decisions now being made by the politicians (At this time European politicians were trying to save Greece from bankruptcy in order to protect the Euro from collapsing while the US was trying to create jobs to save the American economy). So if you are reading this information before Oct or Nov of 2012 you will have a chance to verify the accuracy of this statement. This information was based on a BBC television interview with Alessio Rastani, a London based trader on 26 Sep 2011.

It is sad to say that much of what happened in America is believed to have influenced Hitler in his drive to the East and conquer the Russians because like the Americans, the Germans

needed more space (Lebensraum). Hitler is said to have admired America's policies of segregation and the treatment of Indians on reservations and may have been highly influenced by the US Immigration Act of 1924 which restricted immigration from southern European countries with a preference for northern Europeans from the West European countries (Hitler). The way that he deported the Jews in cramped trains to concentration camps reflect a strong resemblance to the way that the Americans deported the Indians to Oklahoma from Florida. Many were also chained and forced to march on foot to Oklahoma and thousands of these died along the way. Hitler was an avid reader of cowboy and Indian books and was impressed by the European Americans and their ability to constantly defeat the "red savages". And like the Americans, Hitler too would invoke the will of God to protect the Germans as Americans did to protect their new nation. There are many photographs available of the Nazis and leaders of the Roman Catholic Church giving the Nazi salute in support of Hitler (Walker).

Now, it is very important to understand that the natives of North America are still being persecuted, tortured, murdered, raped, kidnapped, sterilized and used for medical experiments. This conduct is being carried out by the clergy, e. g., the Roman Catholic Church, United Church and Anglican Church, school teachers, government officials, and the CIA and police authority. It is interesting to note that they usually don't break any national laws, because they have no laws to prohibit these incidents so they manage to avoid scrutiny and prosecution. For example, although it may sound absurd, if Indians are considered to be non persons by the state there are no laws to convict someone of killing a non person. The only sources of justice would be to have these issues investigated by the

International Criminal Court which does have legislation written based on the Nuremberg Trials in Germany after the war, which prosecuted the Nazis for the crime of genocide.

The separation of church and state is believed to have been inspired by Thomas Jefferson in America in 1803 and gradually influenced many other countries around the world although some countries like England are represented to this day by the monarchy as the head of the national religion. Many people seem to believe that the policy of separation of church and state is written in the US Constitution, but that is not true and others still may believe that the US Constitution was designed to keep church and state separate. Unfortunately, with the Johnson v McIntosh decision of 1823, the Christian Doctrine of Discovery was not only written into U.S. law but also became the cornerstone of US Indian policy over the next century (Paul). Other people believe that the United States was founded as a Christian nation and that is also not true. In 1797 when the Treaty of Tripoli was ratified, Article XI of the treaty states **"[….] the government of the United States is not in any sense founded on the Christian religion [….]"**.This situation creates many problems when the church and the government are involved in committing crimes against humanity. The government usually defers crimes within the church to be rectified by the church under Canon Law rather than imposing Civil Law and seems to avoid any conflicts with the church. That was the way it was before the sexual abuses of the church in Ireland infuriated the nation including the government. Now the government of Prime Minister Kenny in Ireland has denounced the Pope in Parliament (after reading a report by the church that was supposed to correct the problems) and accused him of protecting the interests of the church instead of the victims of the crimes perpetrated by the clergy.

The PM has been supported by the different political parties as well as the common people (I should point out here that some Irish believe that the economic situation created by Kenny is far worse than the crimes committed by the pope). It seems as though the legal defense of the church in the sexual disputes have been centered on the belief that the priests are independent contractors and do not represent the church when they are involved in misconduct so the church should be immune from law suits from the victims. However, when a priest dies, his estate is claimed by the church even when slaves have been included in the property. This situation actually occurred in Cabo Verde after the death of Bishop Pedro Brandao in 1607 (Gonçalves). The English newspaper, "The Guardian" published a very interesting article on this issue in the International Edition on page 3 of 14 Sep 2011, which was written by Henry Mc Donald, "Catholic priests have been unable to marry since the Gregorian reforms of the 11th century made celibacy compulsory. Historians have contended that the move was **mainly** to ensure estates held by clerics would pass back to the church upon their deaths rather than their offspring." It looks like the church wants to have it both ways.

There is still another problem in dealing with the question of the separation of church and state and that is the role played between the Vatican and the United States. Believe it or not, there are strong arguments being made by those critics who actually believe that the United States belongs to the Vatican by virtue of a treaty known as the Magna Carta and approved in 1213. According to this argument the King of England gave the Kingdom of England to Pope Innocent III as a fiefdom in exchange for absolution of his sins so he could enter the Kingdom of Heaven after his demise on earth (Vatican

Connection). There is no argument on this one that is a fact clearly recorded in history. The problem appears two years later when the King is made to sign another Magna Carta in 1215 that should have annulled the conditions of the previous one. Some writers have argued that the king sent a secret letter to Pope Innocent III and claimed that the Magna Carta of 1215 was forced on him by his barons and that this was not his true intentions and that the terms of the 1213 Magna Carta should still be recognized. The pope replied favorably to the request and declared it null and void; however the Magna Carta was revised several times over an 80 year period. According to some analysts the Pope still owns England and Ireland and possibly the United States. The argument continues by saying that the King paid an annual rent to the Pope as a tenant to use the lands of England and Ireland. Another argument is then made that the United States is still a colony of England which is still owned by the Pope. There are many complications to this argument which cannot and should not be discussed in this work because that is not my objective. Although, of course, I understand that some readers will consider these arguments to be pure fantasy, so I'd rather not get into a heated debate over this particular issue, but simply refer the reader to some interesting articles that I believe should be examined for educational purposes and an expansion of our knowledge. A good place to start would be: Constitutional Rights Foundation, 601 S. Kingsly Dr. Los Angeles, CA 90005 (213) 487 5590 and request background information on the Magna Carta. Always try to keep in mind when researching the Magna Carta that usually it will be mentioned as being approved at Runnymede in 1215, but actually this was due to the clauses in the original Magna Carta which was made in 1213, which greatly angered the King's barons who were about to revolt against him if he did not accept the terms of the new agreement

which basically meant that the barons had rights too and that the King was not above the law. This document would later prove to have great influence on the US constitution and Bill of Rights (and other parts of the English speaking world) designed to protect the rights of citizens. Even the American Bar Association reportedly derives its rights from the Magna Carta and has erected a memorial at Runnymede attesting to this statement. This complicates the matter even more so, because some critics argue that the American Bar Association swears allegiance to the bar which is in England and therefore a fiefdom of the Pope. You can have a lot of fun trying to figure this one out. Another interesting twist to this story is trying to justify an American ambassador to the Vatican and explaining it to the American public that was brought up believing in the theory of the "separation of church and state". And to make matters even more intriguing when President Obama; in 2009; appointed Caroline Kennedy as his choice to be Ambassador in the Vatican, his selection was actually **vetoed by the Pope** (This information was reported in an online news article by Chris Mc Greal for: www.guardian.co.uk on 14 Apr 09). Thus, this is a clear example whereby the Pope has more authority than the American President and the people are confused while looking for straight answers to this dilemma.

My purpose for including this information in the report is to show that times are now changing and the people and some politicians are starting to take notice of the abuses of the church which have prevailed for centuries with impunity. I feel also that there must be a delicate balancing act between church and state due to the nature of the consequences that could have a disastrous effect on both institutions if poorly managed. There is little doubt in my mind that politicians need the

loyalty of the churches to maintain some kind of moral discipline and control over the masses in order that the state can extend this control for its own purpose. This philosophy implies of course, a certain amount of mind control to discourage the masses from reading dangerous literature that would challenge their beliefs. This practice could have short term benefits and allow for a transition period to more liberal beliefs and probably avoid some of the pitfalls that are taking place in the Arab world in 2011, which has become known as the Arab Spring. All of a sudden the Muslim world has recognized that there is a big difference between the wealthy religious leaders and the masses that must wait to get their rewards in the afterlife.

I know that this information will come as a shock to most people and even after reading this information, they will not want to believe it. However, this information is documented and apparently can be verified with very little effort. In the case of Ireland, the information was well documented in the Irish newspapers during July 2011 and again in September 2011. So it can easily be found on the Internet. In the case of North America, a Truth Commission has been established in Canada, but some people believe that it is a bogus entity with no real desire to find the truth despite witness accounts of the atrocities committed. One key witness is believed to have been murdered in a hospital (Sep_15 Tribunal). On a similar note, President Obama has apologized for the medical experiments conducted in Guatemala on the Indians after WWII, when he acknowledged the accuracy of a study carried out in the United States that confirmed that the Indians were injected with syphilis and gonorrhea for the Dept. of Defense. It seems that the main justification for these actions is the simple fact, that these Indians are considered to be non persons without human

rights and that has been policy in the New World ever since Columbus arrived in 1492. The US Supreme Court Decision of 1823 (which was previously discussed upheld the principle of the Christian Doctrine of Discovery and the treatment of Indians as non-persons.

In other words it seems that the Indians should be eliminated one way or another in order to control them and to legally possess the lands they claim. They have even justified their crimes by citing biblical passages in Canada and the United States. Basically they are saying that God prefers that the Europeans possess and develop the lands because they will make better use of it. Others are saying that we shouldn't take these biblical passages too seriously today because they don't apply to the modern world. **This philosophy compels the rational person to study the origins of the Bible and learn exactly how the contents were approved and by whom and for what reasons.** It seems that there is so much more to learn in life and once we start to see the light it is extremely difficult to stop learning because of the excitement and richness it brings to our lives.

CHAPTER 5 – ORIGINS OF THE BIBLE-SEPARATING FACT AND FICTION

Many people are beginning to question the rationale in the bible and suspect that many different interpretations have been made by special interest groups. Actually this suspicion can easily be confirmed by doing an Internet search for "**Origins of the Bible**". Many people will be astonished to learn that the Pope prohibited the teaching of the Bible in English or any of the vernacular languages. For many years translations of the bible were limited to Latin and or Greek. It was only in the 16th century that the bible was "**officially**" translated into English and became available to the layperson and that was after King Henry VIII became head of the Anglican Church in England. This occurred in 1539, three years after he had executed the publisher William Tyndale for printing the Bible in English (Bible and Christianity). Ironically, he had a sinister motive for this sudden change of heart and seemingly noble action. He did this to spite the Pope for not giving him a divorce. Eventually this act would force the Papacy to publish a bible in languages other than Latin because the church wanted to have a Roman Catholic version of the bible. To learn more about the history of the bible I would recommend a visit to the web site: www.GREATSITE.COM and search for "English Bible History."

Prior to the translation by Tyndale, another Englishman; John Wycliffe (1320-1384), had already translated the Bible into English in the 14th century. He also attacked the corruption in the church in his lectures and writings. In many ways he was the precursor to Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation. The Pope tried to imprison him but failed and he died a free man, but that wasn't good enough for the Pope. In an amazing

act of vengeance The Council of Constance decreed in 1415 that his remains be dug up and burnt. I suspect that the pope wanted to confirm that the man was actually burning in Hell. This order was carried out at the command of Pope Martin V by Bishop Richard Fleming in 1428. This story sounds like something that one might expect to see in a good horror movie, but **this was an official act of the church!**

Even though bibles were written in Latin and Greek its worth noting that the original languages were Greek for the New Testament and Hebrew for the Old Testament but Latin was being used by the Roman Church for over a 1,000 years and this Latin text was dramatically different from the original Greek text. In the 1490's, Thomas Linacre, an Oxford Professor and physician for King Henry VII and King Henry VIII learned Greek and compared Greek text to the Latin Vulgate. He wrote in his diary, **"Either the Greek (original) is not the Gospel […] or we are not Christians"** (English Bible). Even though Latin was not an original language of the bible, the church threatened to kill anyone who read the scriptures in any language other than Latin (this information can be verified by reading "English Bible History" on the web site: www.GREATSITE.COM). In the early history of the church the Latin element of the church attempted to use Latin in Constantinople, but this practice was prohibited by the Patriarch Cerularis (this policy would make sense since the Church of Constantinople was using the original language Greek, which was more accurate and reliable) and was met with severe punishment which led to many disputes within the Roman Empire and finally culminating in the Great Schism of 1054 between the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Catholic Church. It is very unfortunate that the fate of the world has often relied on the different interpretations of

the bible instead of people simply practicing common sense and tolerance when appropriate. One of the main reasons for the reformation and the revolt of Martin Luther was the control that the Vatican had over the Bible which required that it be printed only in Latin. Luther preferred that the common people have the right to be able to purchase and read the Bible in a language that they could understand. So it was in this way in the 16th century that the common people finally started to access the Bible in a language they could understand. Fortunately, by this time Gutenberg had invented the printing press to make publication much easier. Of course this would incur other problems as well, since there were many problems with the original translations from the Latin version of the Bible. This fact would require that writings of the Bible be refined to suit the purpose of the reformation. It is natural that under these circumstances there would be differences of opinion that would have long term repercussions for religious practices.

The teaching of the Bible is fraught with problems that many people take for granted, but, yet they have historically been involved in life and death situations with maximum control by the Vatican. There are many shocking examples of how the Vatican forced people to accept mind control by the church and restrict free thought in the development of science and education matters based on common sense and scientific investigation. Here I would like to point out a few glaring examples that people do not ordinarily think about when reading the Bible because they have been taught to rely on faith alone and not common sense. For example, how many Christians know that the Vatican executed a mathematician because he believed that the sun was the center of the universe and not the earth? This is exactly what happened to Giordano

Bruno who was hanged upside down and burned at the stake on 17 Feb 1600 (Giordano). He was also a priest and philosopher. Then there is the famous case of Galileo who was imprisoned and tortured for proving that the sun was in fact the center of the known universe and not the earth (Galileo). The Pope tried to convince the scientist to lie at his trial in order to gain his freedom from captivity. Galileo was a sickly man in old age and was humiliated by the Pope under the threat of torture and execution because of his scientific findings. He finally lived out his final days under house arrest in captivity. I would like to add that he was considered to be a very religious person and follower of Catholicism. It took the church nearly 400 years to apologize to Galileo in the 20th century when Pope John Paul II supposedly pardoned him in 1992.

Ironically, today the church has her own astronomical research and educational institution Castel Gondolfo which is located 16 miles SE of Rome and another observatory at the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ plus a telescope at Mt Graham, Safford, AZ that has been operational since 1993 and operated by the VORG (Vatican Observatory Research Group). It seems as though the church is very concerned about what science might reveal. Many of the faithful actually believe that the church should already have access to the knowledge that they are seeking in outer space since the pope claims to be invested with the power of God here on earth (Pope Urban II).

Thomas Jefferson who is undoubtedly one of the most venerated presidents in United States history provides us with some very interesting insights on his views of religion. It seems as though Jefferson believed strongly in religious freedom while being highly suspicious of religion in general. He called religion "the charlatanism of the mind". **Priests, he said,**

dread the advance of science as witches do the approach of daylight" (Walker)**.**

Periodic councils were convened under the authority of the Emperor to resolve inconsistencies in the teaching of Christian dogma in order to maintain discipline within the empire. We are so accustomed to our familiarity with Christianity in Western Europe and the Western Hemisphere that we often forget that after Jerusalem the four great Christian capitals of the world were in Rome, Alexandria (Egypt), Constantinople (now Istanbul) and Antioch (Syria) and later in 451; Chalcedon (Turkey) . These were all cities of the Roman Empire at a time when Christianity was spreading eastward. Each city had an Archbishop who was the Patriarch and appointed from the authority of Rome.

You don't have to be a genius to understand that without telephones and the Internet, it would be a communications nightmare trying to teach the clergy the same dogma in different geographical areas where different languages may have had different meanings even if they were all speaking Latin or Greek within the church. This factor could easily lead to many disputes and emotional outbursts when trying to resolve conflicts at the councils. This situation helps to explain why there are different strains of Christianity in the Middle East and Asia. There were different schools of thought on the teaching of Christianity and there were several schisms before the great schism in 1054 when the Pope in Rome excommunicated the Patriarch of Constantinople who then excommunicated the Pope of Rome. Once the Turks took Constantinople in 1453 Islam became the dominant religion in what is now Istanbul. This loss was a major blow to the Papacy and the popes most likely became angry and sought new

conquests and converts to Christianity. This may help to explain some of the bitter language in the Papal Bulls of Pope Nicholas V in 1452 and 1455.

I suspect that Thomas Jefferson must have been well aware of the philosophy of the popes and their involvement in crimes against humanity, especially when he said, "**Millions of innocent men, women and children, since the introduction of Christianity have been burnt, tortured, fined, imprisoned; yet we have not advanced one inch towards uniformity. What has been the effect of coercion? To make one half of the world fools, and the other half hypocrites"** (Walker)**.**

In some countries in the east the church went underground to survive but the hordes of Genghis Khan almost certainly eliminated many of them in the 13th century. It is very easy to see from all of this how it was possible for one religion to wind up with so many different dogmas. Without being facetious, I must admit that I find it incomprehensible that there aren't any written and signed documents by the founder (s) of this religion that would have established a basic framework to avoid the errors in the teaching of dogma. Why aren't there any signed documents? There have been many sound arguments for the teaching of Christian dogma based on rational thinking when properly applied. Unfortunately, history shows that it was extremely difficult to apply rational thinking in the process because of predisposed opinions by the powerful and their allies.

Many important ecclesiastical decisions were made by the influence of the Emperor. Certain church councils were conducted in a rude and hostile atmosphere with inflamed

oratory from all sides. If the church could not agree on doctrine because of cultural differences within the church, is it any wonder that there would be widespread confusion? How many mistakes have been made by the church that directly affects the beliefs of the faithful? Despite more than 2,000 years of religious instruction there are many unresolved issues of dogma. Some issues have been restated to satisfy the contesting participants. But many issues are virtually impossible to clarify beyond reasonable doubts and the people are asked to have faith in the system. This philosophy subject's ordinary people to the whimsical decisions of men of dubious character such as can be seen in the Papacy of Alexander VI. Any honest and rational person regardless of religious affiliation can see the implications here.

There are many other problems such as the age of the earth. There are basically two different numbers given in the Bible, one version is about 7,000 years (conservative catholic scholars) and the other one is about 6,000 years (conservative protestant scholars). For some unknown reason the Catholics and Protestants differ on the age of the earth in the Bible. However, we now know that the earth is about 4.5 billion years old and the universe is more than 13.7 billion years old according to scientific investigation based on data collected from the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope and analyzed by astrophysicists. It now looks like God may have rested for a few billion years before He finally created man, although fossils have now been found in Northern Australia in 2011 that scientists claim to prove that life existed more than 3 billion years ago. There is still another major problem with the data in the bible and the time that God created man. The Indians discovered America between 20 and 30,000 years ago (according to current scientific studies), which gives new

meaning to the concept that the Indians are not human. It is now obvious that if God created man only about 6-7,000 years ago then the Indians would not be considered as human beings because they were already residing on earth thousands of years before the creation of man. This philosophy would justify all the papal bulls and treaties that propagated their destruction during the discovery age of history. Apparently the destruction of aborigines is needed by current Christian religious thinking in order to erase the memory of this civilization so as to justify the writings of the bible.

Of course many clerics will say that the teachings of the bible are used allegorically in some cases especially in Genesis, but this manner of thinking only complicates the problem. By making allegorical references in certain cases and realistic interpretations in others makes it virtually impossible for the lay person to interpret the bible. The church does not have a problem with this philosophy because this is perhaps the main reason priests are used to make the interpretations for the people. It is a proven fact that religious teachings have had many different views among the clergy ever since the beginnings of the church. Emperors and popes have called councils in order to resolve their differences. These differences have been so strong that opposing groups have excommunicated each other in their claim to be teaching the truth. One such example was in Alexandria where Cyril was the Patriarch and he denounced the teachings of Nestorius who was the Patriarch of Constantinople. A council was convened in Ephesus in 431 and Nestorius was deposed by the Emperor (Nestorius). Actually the Emperor was agitated by both sides of the arguments and at first is believed to have arrested both protagonists in the dispute but in the end somehow Cyril prevailed and he retained his position and Nestorius was sent

into exile. This is a strange case where Nestorius was excommunicated and labeled a heretic for preaching heresy and there are many arguments to show that his teachings were orthodox at that time in history and his arguments still maintain a strong influence in the Byzantine Church today. The Nestorians are one problem; another problem is Arius and his split with the church over the interpretations of the Holy Trinity (Arius) It seems that within the same religion different clerics have strong differences on theological opinion and teaching of church dogma. This has always been a serious problem in all religions which require that the worshippers have blind faith in their leaders. This philosophy is extremely dangerous because it softens the mind and can easily subject it to total mind control and irrational thinking.

Now, I ask the readers to imagine for a moment what would have happened to scientific investigation if Galileo had not discovered the truth about the relationship of the sun to the earth in the 17th century? We would most likely still be living in the dark ages and centuries away from the landing on the moon. The Internet would be science fiction and the sex scandals of the church would be buried in history as being a minor problem without any relevance. Sinners would be paying a fortune for indulgences to the Pope to gain salvation for their sins and most people would be prepared to live out their lives as slaves with the promise of salvation in the hereafter. I know that this is a horrible analysis to make and might be offensive to many Christians, but I am constructing my thoughts based on historical data and my experience of living on earth for the last 8 decades. It is actually amazing what happens when people start to think for themselves instead of relying on "charlatans" to do their thinking and insist that people subscribe to their irrational beliefs which greatly restrict their

personal development and pursue their god given talents to make the world a better place.

We should also try to understand certain fundamental truths regarding the purpose of our lives. Since we can thank Galileo for many of the scientific breakthroughs that affect our lives today, it shouldn't be too difficult to understand that everything happens for a reason. Knowledge will give mankind freedom to travel to the moon and Mars and beyond. It will give us a strong base to fulfill our purpose of living on earth and expand our knowledge beyond the stars. We are all here for a purpose and we all possess special talents to make the world a better place. These talents if properly utilized will make use of the natural world that has been prepared for us billions of years ago. There is no logical reason to believe that God or any other ultimate authority would have given us all the raw materials necessary to build a luxurious world of plenty to provide the needs for all of us and then to forbid us from making use of these materials. The problem seems to be how we can learn to share the responsibilities of reaching these goals and not to fight over the distribution of these assets by building weapons of mass destruction and destroying the universe especially planet earth. This attitude seems to go against the grain of common sense. There is still a lot to say about the Bible and religion because these are two issues that are directly responsible for the partition of the world by the Vatican and the suffering that has emanated from the application of these decisions.

Most people do not have a clue as to just how much power the Pope has in influencing the fate of the world. World leaders run to the Pope to seek guidance before making crucial decisions that affect the world. There must be a reason for this

practice. Unfortunately, unlike politicians who periodically hold press conferences and answer a few questions to reporters (although they may be controlled in most cases), I have never heard of a Pope giving a press conference and or taking questions from anybody. Politicians have had to defend themselves in a court of law on occasion but I have yet to see a Pope to stand trial for anything.

Throughout my lifetime I have learned some basic scientific facts that have as yet to be refuted. One such fact tells me that everything has two sides, up and down, front and back, left and right, etc. For all good things there are bad things. Every argument has two sides. That is why in a court of law you have both a defense council and a prosecutor. Can one imagine a courtroom without a defense council? Imagine the judge instructing a jury to have complete faith in the prosecutor because he is a trusted servant of the court. How would you like to be the accused in this courtroom? Having blind faith in such a system is a total disaster if you are the accused and if you are a member of the jury you have become a slave to the system and your vision of fairness has been severely impaired, thus many of your future decisions will be irresponsible and irrational. This is not fantasy, I have personally served as a defense council in a court of law and was advised by higher authority that my client was presumed to be guilty and that I should not try to play the role of Perry Mason "(Perry Mason was a fictional TV lawyer in the 60's who always presented a strong case for his client).

The most notable situation in America that I can think of at this time, where it would be extremely difficult if not impossible to get a fair trial would be in the case of the American Indian who is treated as a non person based on the

religious teachings of the Pope and the Christian Doctrine of Discovery as it is enforced by secular authorities. In the meantime the Pope preaches to the Arab world to respect man's dignity during recent massacres by extreme governments in the Arab world**. If the Pope was really serious about respecting man's dignity he could begin by revoking all the papal bulls and treaties that have dehumanized the indigenous peoples of the world.** Of course this would be like saying that all of his authority today is based on a fraudulent document known as the Treaty of Tordesilhas which no rational God could ever approve. His silence on this issue challenges the philosophy of all rational human beings and their respect for rational authority.

There is still a lot more to be said about the Bible because of the impact that it has on the lives of many people. Ongoing investigations now seem to indicate a strong tendency for the Old Testament to be based on writings found in Mesopotamia, which if proven to be accurate will help us to understand the origins of the Garden of Eden and the curse of Original Sin which has the whole world subjected to a sense of guilt for something of which they had no knowledge. This is the story of mankind that has subordinated the entire world under the jurisdiction of the Pope as Cortez told the Indians in Mexico. Fortunately, today much of this history can be verified and thanks to the Internet there are those researchers who are dedicated to learning the truth and freeing mankind from his historical bondage. Once humanity understands the truth of this message, it will become clear that they will not have to worry much about unemployment, racial discrimination, religious discrimination, etc., they will enjoy the fruits of their knowledge and understanding of the earth and their reason for being here. They will carry out their existence and purpose in

harmony with the universe. There will be no reason to sack the lands of other nations and to enslave the natives, but rather to work in harmony with them in a spirit of cooperation and friendship whereby both sides learn from the other. This will be a win win situation for all concerned.

It should be noted that there are many opportunities to make a decent living if people are allowed the freedom to do so. The problem seems to be that nations spend too much time creating enemies and then they decide to create their economies to defend themselves against those enemies. This is a policy of self destruction which encourages good minds to support destructive polices instead of improving the quality of life as a useful service to humanity.

If you have an open mind and really and truly desire to expand your secular knowledge of the world then I strongly suggest that you learn about the Mesopotamian origins of the Bible by doing a search for **"Epic of Gilgamesh** o**r Enkidu and Sham hat**"(Epic). You will learn that this information has been known in respected scholarly circles for more than a hundred years but for reasons which will unfortunately be self evident never made it to the mainstream media. It is also a good idea to acquire a basic knowledge of Egyptology and then compare this knowledge to that of Christianity because **I guarantee you that you will find some amazing similarities between the two, especially since the former predates the latter.**

CHAPTER 6 – SUDDENLY AFRICA ATTRACTS EUROPEAN INTERESTS

As we have seen in this report, the Treaty of Tordesilhas was instrumental in enforcing the Doctrine of Discovery and taking possession of indigenous lands in both North America and South America and very little has been said about the practice in Africa which came under the same treaty. Here, I would just like to say briefly, that another serious problem was created that gets little attention in history books. Portugal usually controlled ports in Africa by building trading outposts on the coasts while other European powers were starting to venture deeper into Africa. To get a better idea of what was going on in the world during the period of conquest and discovery, it wasn't until 1846 that the British and Americans agreed on the partition of Canada and the United States in the Oregon Treaty. Soon afterwards all of America was ruled by Europeans, whether in North America or South America. Now, there were no more unclaimed territories in the Americas.

Gradually, the famous English/American explorer Henry Morton Stanley enters the scene and decides to make a trip to Africa in a search for Dr. Livingston (Sir Henry). Stanley finds Livingston and the two explore Africa together for awhile. Livingstone eventually dies shortly thereafter and Stanley wrote many articles about his adventures in Africa and especially about his experiences along the Congo River. He goes to England trying to find funding for another trip to Africa but was unsuccessful. His articles were attracting attention in Europe and especially the attention of King Leopold of Belgium. A meeting was arranged between Stanley and King Leopold on 10 Jun 1878. Africa was still a mysterious continent at this time and in his articles he made two key

observations that would have devastating effects on the continent that continue to this day. The first observation was that the Africans in the Congo were not a military threat to Europeans because their spears and arrows were no match for European breech loading rifles based on his own personal battle experience. The second observation was that there was no single all-powerful state that had to be subdued. These observations held great attraction to the King of Belgium who wanted to expand his small kingdom. Belgium was a recently formed country run by a government that had a king with very little authority so he wanted to build a large kingdom so he could compete with other royal families in Europe.

Asia was pretty much saturated with the French in Indo China and *the Dutch in the East Indies and most of southern Asia from Aden to* Singapore was being controlled by the British, so only Africa remained to be conquered. By this time the British had also made significant gains in Australia and using the same techniques that authorized the destruction of the Indians in America, they were able to suppress the Aborigines and take legal possession of the continent. Capt Cook claimed all of eastern Australia for Britain on August 23, 1760. A British flag was raised in Sydney Cove on January 26, 1788 and this date is celebrated as Australia's national day.

Now here is a story that will upset a lot of people. **The Myall Creek Massacre in 1839** in Australia was conducted by a band of Europeans who massacred 28 peace loving aborigine people; women, children and elderly (Australian-European Settlement). Most of them were butchered to death and a few were shot. This particular incident was so sickening that the manager for the European settlement requested that the guilty be tried in a court of law. This was done and seven Europeans

were found guilty and hanged. Believe it or not there was widespread anger over the legal executions of Europeans, because they believed that it was okay to kill Aborigines even if they were innocent. In Tasmania, after they killed all the Aborigines they allowed the last one to survive until 1928 to die a natural death so that she could be photographed as a historical relic for Australian history.

It is curious to note that Portugal which apparently discovered Australia never took possession of it. This is one of the reasons why many scholars do not believe that Portugal discovered it. One Australian historian says that based on the Treaty of Tordesilhas, Portugal would have been able to claim the entire province of Western Australia and Spain would have claimed everything eastward as if by a strange coincidence the line of demarcation from Cabo Verde runs directly between Western Australia and the Northern Territory from north to south and also includes the Philippines on the Portuguese side of the line when the line continues northward. Naturally, Portugal and Spain cannot make any claims on Australia today because according to the Doctrine of Discovery, Australia has been claimed by another Christian nation. During the period when Portugal most likely did discover Australia, it would have been virtually impossible to officially discover it and take possession for the King because it would have definitely been considered a highly classified state secret and she wasn't ready to share her knowledge of the world's topography with other nations at this time. Unfortunately, many records of Portugal's history were destroyed in a famous earth quake in the 18th century.

The Industrial Revolution was in the early stages and the Europeans needed raw materials to be more competitive.

European nations were in strong competition with one another to possess Africa and take control of the raw materials that were abundant on the continent, In the meantime there were no specific boundaries recognized by Europeans. European interests, as usual had to be protected by agreements, so the Berlin Conference was convened first in 1884 and then again in 1888 to solve the problem.

Portugal made a request to Otto Von Bismarck of Germany to sponsor a conference on Africa in 1884. Germany was an emerging power and Bismarck was very interested in Africa so he was happy to hold the conference. France had planted a flag in Brazzaville in 1881 to stake a claim in the western Congo. Stanley had already spent years in the Congo making treaties with the native chiefs under a contract with King Leopold of Belgium. Portugal also claimed certain areas based on old treaties with the native Kongo Empire, so Portugal decided to make a treaty with Great Britain on 26 Feb 1884 to block off the Congo Society's access to the Atlantic. Stanley was organizing a Congo State for King Leopold during the years 1879-1884. It is believed that Stanley made 450 treaties with African chiefs to cede their lands to King Leopold in exchange for a few pieces of cloth and some dubious promises relating to raising their standard of living. This is a very controversial subject with different writers expressing different views about the activities of Stanley. It is common knowledge; however, that King Leopold did claim to use Stanley's treaty making arrangements with the African chiefs to create his own colony known as the "Congo Free State". Having used basically the same techniques to claim the lands of Africa that the United States had used in claiming lands in America, it was a very smooth process for the Belgian King to convince the United States to become the first nation to recognize the Congo Free

State as being a colony of Belgium (King Leopold). I'll provide a few references later regarding this matter.

The colonization of Africa represents another dark chapter of world history with roots in the Treaty of Tordesilhas. First of all the Portuguese entered Africa because it was east of the Demarcation Line of Cabo Verde in the treaty. That, however, was in the 15th century and now we are speaking about the end of the 19th century. The European powers drew up new boundaries which were usually in straight lines or following the contours of rivers without concerns for traditional territorial claims by African nations which occupied the areas. This situation would force Portugal to reconfirm claims to their initial territories by advancing to the interiors of these countries, in order to protect their claims from other European nations who were advancing from other directions. This new thrust to the interior often entailed meeting hostile tribes who were prepared to protect their territories. Portugal and other European nations started to send new settlers to develop these areas and take possession of these lands for Portugal and their respective nations despite the hostilities that they encountered along the way.

It appears that the only justification that the Europeans had for taking possession of these lands was basically that which was stressed in the Treaty of Tordesilhas and the related papal bulls which clearly expressed intolerance for non-Christians who were considered to be natural enemies of the church because they didn't believe in Christianity even though they had never heard of this radical religion. The truth is seen in the way the conference was convened and the list of the fourteen invited nations (including the United States), which did not include a single African nation. This conference was based on

racial superiority and conducted by Christians who understood the traditional terms of the doctrine of discovery and the law of nations. The results of this conference have left Africa devastated ever since.

I believe that it is only fair to say a few words about Stanley's treaties with the Africans. Stanley was of course following the traditional line of thinking as was usually the case with the Doctrine of Discovery and used with some success by Captain John Kendrick of Wareham, MA in his negotiations with the Indians in the Pacific North West of the United States about 80 years earlier. This tradition is mind boggling when one thinks that a European can go to a different culture and make agreements with tribal chiefs who have never seen a European before. Chances are that all 450 chiefs spoke a different language and certainly had no idea what Stanley was saying. The most likely scenario is that Stanley asked them to make an X on a piece of paper and he would offer woven cloths or some trinkets in exchange for the X. Imagine someone saying something like, "Give me your autograph and I'll give you a free blanket". Common sense should tell us that one cannot sell a property without producing a document that verifies that the seller owns the property and has the right to sell it. Why was this principle being totally ignored? Let's take a good look at how this principle would have been applied by Americans and Europeans. The Louisiana Purchase is a classic example. The United States wasn't quite sure which country owned the territory, "Did France own it or did Spain own it?" It wasn't until the French Charge d' Affairs Louis Andre' Pichon, delivered the order signed on Oct 15, 1802 by the King of Spain; Charles IV; that ceded the Louisiana Territory to France, that the United States would be satisfied that the purchase was legal. My point is that there are many questions

that need to be analyzed before a rational person can truly understand exactly what happened in the past and why we have arrived in the predicament that the world faces today.

This picture of Africa is meant to give the reader a quick synopsis of the key points of how Africa came to be what it represents today. Naturally after WWII, there were many independent movements in Africa and finally in 1975 the Portuguese Empire came to an end. Actually I hesitate to use the word independent when speaking about the struggles for independence against the European colonizers because in the end the conditions of independence were imposed on these new independent nations in order to receive funding assistance from the United Nations to start up the process of nation building. It is the old proverb of the Golden Rule which states, "**He who has the gold makes the rules**". For example; the European influences became a permanent base of the new independent countries such as language, boundaries, legal, banking, administrative systems and religion. Today all of these nations speak European languages and practice Christianity; in those nations that were not already controlled by the Muslims; and have close ties to their former colonizers. So once again we can see how all of this is a direct outgrowth of the Treaty of Tordesilhas and the bulls which preceded it. This basically means that the new colonies that were formed in Africa by Christian nations (all European), were recognized by one another and the natives generally accept the dominance of European culture and religion while the Europeans benefitted tremendously in the extraction of African raw materials. The benefits have been over whelming in favor of the Europeans. The influence of the Europeans (including Euro-Americans) is still seen today in the manner in which the continent of Africa is contained by military intervention which is usually initiated

by the European and Euro-American communities. These interventions are usually to protect the interests of the major corporations that operate in these areas or are planning to operate in these areas.

CHAPTER 7 – THE CONSEQUENCES OF INVASIONS

We have often heard the term, "The end justifies the means", a phrase believed to have been originated by the Jesuits in their quest for world conquest. Now I would like to review some selected observations of this practice. We are often told that the world is a better place because of the European invasions which converted the indigenous peoples to a new way of life and thinking. Is this statement correct? If it is correct, was the price worth it for the indigenous peoples? Unfortunately, it is impossible to get a good estimate of the true damages suffered by the indigenous peoples because they never lived long enough to provide us with reliable census data. However, estimates vary from a low figure of about 10 million to well over a 100 million Indians inhabiting the Americas at the beginning of the Discovery Age. Obviously, the people that Columbus encountered disappeared shortly after his arrival. The Tainos reportedly disappeared by 1535, just one generation or two after Columbus first encountered them. Today, there are just a few million Indians in the world. In the United States the number is about 4 million, but most of these are of mixed blood. Their lands are still being exploited today and often times their labor is commensurate with slavery. Their traditional religions have, in most cases, been destroyed. Their languages have been lost in many areas, although in some countries, there are ongoing efforts to maintain their language and culture. I have personally witnessed such an effort in South America on an Indian reservation as one particular tribe which was on the verge of extinction, has been struggling to reproduce their offspring and improve health and living conditions through education while maintaining their original language in the process. Every time a new child is born, it gives the community a sign of hope for the future. They

try to sell a few handicrafts to eke out a living. They have no large homes, but rather live in a community tent where everybody shares the daily chores. What did Columbus do for these people? Is this justice? In one country, I went to an Indian museum which was in very poor condition, but it was interesting talking to the administrator of the museum about the hopes of his people and culture. The young man expressed his pride in his national origins and was determined to express the truth of what had happened to his culture since the invasion of Europeans. At the time of my visit it was obvious that the authorities were being a bit more tolerant to his culture, because many of his exhibits were embarrassing to Europeans.

Many medicinal plants were lost as well as the medicine men and women who were specialists in treating the sick. These people had immense knowledge of the environment but they have also disappeared along with their great knowledge. Ironically, many of these people had cures for many of the diseases that are afflicting us today including cancer, but knowledgeable specialists are not available to help us even if we're lucky enough to find the plants that we need. Natural habitats have been destroyed forever and the natives have been forced to relocate to urban areas where they are ill equipped to survive. It's like taking a fish out of water and expecting it to survive on the sea shore. It just doesn't work.

We have been told that the Europeans gave us new languages, technology, new income opportunities, education a much higher standard of living, a new religion which would give us life everlasting in paradise. All of this may be interesting, but if the Pope is telling us that God is prepared to eliminate 10s of millions of people because he doesn't like their religion or for some other reason in order to save a few

million who worship the new religion, is this justified? Believe it or not there are still people who believe in wiping out billions of people to save the world. Proof for this argument can be found written in stone on what it is called the American Stonehenge in Elbert County, Georgia (Mysterious). Here it is written that the world population should be kept to about a half a billion inhabitants. Apparently the statements written on the stones were influenced by Thomas Paine's book, "The Age of Reason", since this was written on a plaque on the ground close to the monumental stones (Mysterious). Actually there are 10 guidelines or principles written in 8 modern languages and believed to be inspired by Masonic literature or perhaps the Rosicrucian's. Many people have been outraged by these stone monuments and the reference to 500,000,000 people. The total world population today has just passed seven billion people. So it looks like some group wants to eliminate six and half billion people in order to make the world a better place. This project was completed about 30 years ago in 1980 and consists of 4 granite stone tablets about 20 feet in height and weighing about 240,000 pounds in total (including two other stones –one for the top and one as a center piece) and made from some of the world's finest granite, so the sponsors of the project must be very serious people. These sponsors have never been positively identified.

I have no idea why Thomas Paine and "The Age of Reason" would be associated with this project because it dramatically contradicts his (Paine's) rationale of tolerance. I suppose, the connection to Thomas Paine is meant to be applied after the population reduction is down to the desired half a billion. The frightening aspect of this assessment is the knowledge that a handful of nations today are quite capable of quickly reducing the current population to the desired level and it is very

possible that the sponsors of these tablets may have significant influence with these nations. Because this is such an important subject, I would like to make certain observations.

Thomas Paine is obviously a Deist; that is one who believes in a natural God but does not believe in organized (revealed) religions. To get a better understanding of this statement, it would be a good idea to imagine yourself instinctively believing in God in your early years of life without being baptized and having no religious indoctrination, then someone asks you to join a specific church, but you decide to investigate the church to see if it is good idea. During your investigation, you learn that there are many other churches and religions that believe that they represent the one true church or religion. Now you have a real dilemma, because in your natural state of mind there is no need to convince you that God exists as this can be seen through nature and you are satisfied with the evidence. However, now you have learned that hundreds of religions are claiming to be the one true church. One site, www.adherents.com reports that there are more than 4,000 religions in the world (and many of these have different denominations), so your chances of finding the right one is about 1 in 4,000 or probably 1 in 10 or 20,000 or more. Good luck!

Paine's writings had a profound influence on the founding fathers of America. Yet, he stated ,"The Reformation was preceded by the discovery of America as if the Almighty meant to open a sanctuary to the persecuted in the future years, when home should afford neither friendship or safety ". I find this statement to be one of the problems with the early American thinking. It appears to me that in this statement, he is telling us that God has blessed America with Divine Providence and has

given the persecuted of other nations the right to use the doctrine of manifest destiny to eliminate the Indians from their native lands, which is exactly what happened.

He also seems to have held great respect for the indigenous tribes of America who respected nature and had democratic councils to resolve community problems. In this way, he seems to be a lot like Thomas Jefferson in his thinking, that is, he believes in equality and respect for the Indians in one way, but ignores his own views with regard to them at a critical time in history for the salvation of these peoples. This is akin to Hitler saying "I have Jewish friends but I also have a Jewish problem". This call for a sanctuary for persecuted foreigners (mostly Christians) to find a safe haven in America would eventually persecute and decimate the Native Americans. In retrospect it is not without precedence that Christians resorted to aggressive methods to dominate a foreign culture. If one goes back in history, it will be seen that ever since the great conversion of the Roman Emperor Constantine in the fourth century AD, Christians have been using the sword to conquer and convert their subjects to Christianity with the blessings of the Roman Empire. Wasn't it the church that taught us, "Whosoever lives by thy sword shall die by the sword"? Then we remember the words, "Render unto Caesar that which belongs to Caesar and render unto God that which belongs to God" This sounded great when Caesar and God appeared to represent two different kingdoms or rather an earthly kingdom and a spiritual kingdom. Now all of a sudden the Emperor invited the spiritual world to enter his kingdom and share the glory. By uniting forces, the Emperor would have the moral authority of the church to support his expansion while providing the military forces to protect the church and expedite the expansion of the church simultaneously with his own

authority and power. Human nature being what it is, this new approach to religion by the Emperor must have appeared as a deal made in Heaven (or perhaps I should say-made in Hell) for both the church and the state. At one time in history the Pope was a King as well as being the Pope (Pope John XII) and supposedly a teenager. He died in his late 20's, cause of death officially unknown, however, he reportedly "[…] was murdered by a jealous husband whose wife was the object of **the pope's special atte**ntion, […]."[1]

[1] On one web site he was listed as the second worst pope in history and led a scandalous life. See Ketterer.

CHAPTER 8 – THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

It is well known that many world problems were the direct result of the mixture of religion and the state so most states agreed to a policy of "the separation of church and state" and the people are led to believe that this policy is in fact true. However, in America, there have been many disputes regarding this issue. Problem number one is the monetary system in the United States that prints the words "In God we Trust" on all money printed in the country and problem number two is seen when the President takes the oath of office and places his left hand on the Bible. These are just two of the highly visible issues that we see on a regular basis, but of course there are many more not so visible issues that contradict this policy. The most outrageous policy and least visible is the Christian Doctrine of Discovery which has been written into US law and used to legally confiscate ancestral lands from Indians by treating them in the Supreme Court ruling of 1823; Johnson v McIntosh as heathens and non-persons. Canada, New Zealand and Australia also used this ruling as a basis for claiming lands in their respective countries from the aborigines (Johnson v McIntosh).

Professor Robert J. Miller of Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, OR and the Chief Justice of Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community and a citizen of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe has written an interesting paper; The Doctrine of Discovery, Manifest Destiny and Oregon, which was adapted from his book: Native Americans Discovered and Conquered: Thomas Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, and Manifest Destiny, Nebraska Press, paperback edition, 2008. He reminds us that the doctrine is still international law today based on

court rulings in several countries. According to Professor Miller these issues were raised by Patricia Seed in her book: Ceremonies of Possession in Europe's Conquest of the New World, 1492-1640, on pages 69-73, 101-102 (1995). This is the exact same policy that was established as International Law by Pope Nicholas V four decades before Columbus sailed to the New World.

This scary situation is still US law today. To this day, these laws are still on the books in the Vatican without any sincere regrets from the Pope. The Indians are probably afraid to openly protest because they still have vivid memories of the Massacre at Wounded Knee. This is in reference to the famous massacre of Indians, men women and children on 29 Dec 1890 by Major Samuel Whiteside and troops of the 7th Cavalry on the Lakota Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

The Church undoubtedly has a powerful influence over all structures of government, not only in the United States, but in many other countries as well. Somehow the Vatican has been able to make bilateral treaties with certain nations that result in their paying tribute to the Pope in the amount of untold billions of dollars. It is estimated that Spain paid a few hundred million dollars in 2010 to the Pope as a result of one such treaty (itccs_org). In Germany they call it "Kirchensteur", a so-called voluntary tax collected by the state for religious communities, which brought in $6.4 billion to the Catholic Church in 2010 (Lemaitre). The information regarding Spain was revealed recently in the International Herald Tribune in the summer of 2011 when protesters were demonstrating against the Pope's visit in Madrid. Yet another organization, ITCCS (International Tribunal into Crimes of Church and State) reported that their researchers have discovered that at least 73 nations have signed

secret treaties or Concordats with the Vatican, many of them since 1982, which channel untold billions of taxpayer money into church coffers (including Canada, The United States of America, England, Ireland and virtually all European countries and most third world countries. These concordats also help the church to formulate laws and control education. Thomas Jefferson certainly had his opinion about this ignominy as can be witnessed in his "Statute for Religious Freedom" in 1779; papers 1.345 -"**To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical".**

There are many religious organizations that represent the church such as the Knights of Columbus, Opus Dei, the Masons, The Christian Coalition of America, etc., with heavy influences from Catholics, Protestants and Jews**.** These organizations are known to have infiltrated the highest echelons of government and banking circles which produce a wealth of information for their sponsors.

The Catholic Church is easily the largest single church in America and comes directly under the Pope and there is also the Anglican Church which comes under the Queen of England and of course there are other protestant churches which have a strong influence on American politics. Many of these churches supported slavery and many of their elite members owned slaves. Theologians can justify these practices by pointing to certain chapters in the Bible, especially in the Apocrypha which is used in the bibles of the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Let's look at a couple of biblical quotes: Titus 2:9-10 "Tell slaves to be submissive to their masters […]". Ephesians 6:5-8

"Slaves obey your earthly masters". In 362 AD a council was convened in Gangra in Asia Minor that made a law, "to excommunicate anyone encouraging a slave to despise his master and withdraw from his service". This was church law from the 13th century until early in the 20th century. St Augustine (354-430 AD) teaches that, "the institution of slavery derives from God and is a benefit to slave and master". These are just a few of the arguments that the church has used to justify a tradition of slavery.

Many of these same churches established missionaries to convert and control the Indians who were often forced to live in subhuman conditions while providing slave labor and suffering malnutrition and diseases which caused premature deaths. These are only some of the issues that reflect on the famous encounters between the Europeans and the aborigines in the Americas.

I am referring to these issues because of the writings of Thomas Paine and his famous book, "The Age of Reason" which was published in 1794, shortly after the French Revolution and the American Revolutionary War. I know that he is seen by many as some kind of occultist or an anti-Christ spokesperson and attracts the wrath of many religions. Nevertheless, he does not seem to attack religion per se but rather argues for tolerance of all peoples regardless of one's beliefs. He tries to use rational thinking to come to rational conclusions rather than be dependent on mythical thought. For example, he tells us that, **"without a concept of natural law (he believed) explanations of the workings of nature would descend into irrationality**".

He believed strongly that the rules of logic and standards for evidence that govern the analysis of secular texts should be applied to the Bible. He does just that in his book and points out the contradictions which are written in the Bible. Previously, I mentioned that the Bible was only officially translated into English in the 16th century. Of course, there are many versions of the Bible today. **Paine explains that revelations in the Bible appear to have been altered over time to adjust for changing political circumstances.** He makes one of his most powerful statements when he talks about revelations and tells us that**," […] it is a revelation to the first person only and hearsay to every other, and consequently they are not obliged to believe it"**. To many critics, he sounds like an atheist, but from my understanding of his writings, he never argues about the existence of God, (he supposedly grew up in a Quaker family) he just didn't believe that you needed miracles to prove the existence of God because he believed that the existence of God was self evident just by observing nature.

Paine was a good friend of Thomas Jefferson and it is clear from the writings of Jefferson that he and Paine must have collaborated on these issues with great intensity. Jefferson clearly did not believe that there was a need to describe miracles in the bible, although he seems to have great respect for the teachings of Jesus, he undoubtedly believed that many parts of the bible were fabricated by inferior minds and not considered to be genuine. Here is what Jefferson had to say about the bible: "The whole history of these books [the gospels] is so defective that it seems vain to attempt minute enquiry into it: and such tricks have been played with their text and with the texts of other books relating to them, that we have a right, from that cause, to entertain much doubt what parts of them are genuine. In the New Testament there is internal

evidence that parts of it have proceeded from an extraordinary man: and other parts are of the fabric of very inferior minds. It is easy to separate those parts, as to pick out diamonds from dunghills".

Jefferson felt so strongly on this matter that he spent much time on analyzing the bible in great detail and finally separated the good from the bad and created what has become known as **The Jefferson Bible** (Jefferson). This bible has been reconstructed and is now available on the Internet. This bible was donated by the Jefferson family to the Smithsonian in 1886. In 1904 a congressional resolution was passed which authorized the Government Printing Office to produce 9,000 copies which were given to congressmen (Jefferson Bible). Since 1997 all new members of Congress are believed to have been mailed a copy every two years from Dr. Judd Patton of Bellevue College in Nebraska who did some research on the bible and found that it was a tradition to send it to all new members of Congress every two years but the tradition died out in the 1950's until Dr. Patton revised it in 1997 at his own expense.

I believe that it was necessary to explain some of the thinking of Thomas Paine because it does affect the 10 Guidelines on the granite tablets in Georgia. **Paine did believe that religious institutions, whether Christian, Jewish or Turkish appeared to him as being no more than human inventions set up to terrify and enslave mankind, and monopolize power and profit**. This was his opinion in 1794 and it is still the opinion of many people today. I can think of no valid reason why someone would associate him with wanting to exterminate or eliminate six and half billion people from the surface of the earth in order to bring humanity into the

proper balance with nature as it is written in the first principle on the granite tablets in Georgia. Most of the other principles on the tablets may reflect his thinking and for that reason his name may have been written on the plaque to show his influence but it should not have anything to do with the first principle which I have already mentioned.

I suspect that a major reason for the desire to reduce the population to a half a billion people is the implication that the need for social programs would be dramatically reduced. Naturally this situation would be expected to reduce the tax burden on the middle class. And although I suspect that an explanation for the reduction of the population would most likely be that it would take place over a period of time in which the people have practiced birth control for a few centuries and eventually the desired level would be reached. Actually, this phenomenon is currently underway in China where the 2010 population was 1.341 billion, but due to a government enforced policy of one child per household since 1978 and an aging population this figure is expected to decrease to 941 million by the end of the century. In the meantime, there will be expected population explosions in India and Africa (Aldama). So while the idea may sound reasonable, the most likely reality is that it would almost certainly encourage undue enthusiasm in seeking programs to speed up the process and therein lies the danger. I probably should say that there are 8 languages used on the granite tablets and they represent all the major continents, which gives the initial impression that the message was intended for all races and cultures as a balanced issue.

CHAPTER 9 – MORE BAD NEWS ABOUT POPE ALEXANDER VI

There is still a lot that needs to be said about Pope Alexander VI, who served as Pope from 1492-1503. One of the things that I learned in my investigation about Pope Alexander that I had not known before was the fact that it was his family (the Borgia) that was used by Mario Puzo for his famous Godfather novels and movies. His source of information for these novels was the Papacy and the lives of the Borgia family who served as Popes. It is with great regret that I must analyze the life and times of Pope Alexander VI because he led a scandalous life and his policies in the Treaty of Tordesilhas has affected the lives of many people around the world and has caused great damage because of his views of non-Christians. Although at least one web site lists many Popes and other despots who were considered to be worse than him, that line of reasoning may be due to a lack of understanding of the full impact of the damage caused by him after his death. I have tried to give a few examples of that damage in the preceding paragraphs some of which are based on personal experience, but of course we can write volumes on this issue because the damage has no limits.

Who was Pope Alexander VI? He was born as Rodrigo Borgia (or Borja) in Xativa in the province of Valencia, Spain in 1431. His family was very powerful in the Roman Catholic Church and his uncle the Pope Callixtus III named him Cardinal Deacon in 1456 when he was only 25 years old. In 1457 **he became Vice Chancellor of the Holy See, a lucrative office he held under 4 popes. He was able to amass vast wealth from this position and became the second richest cardinal.** Although his career was advanced by the

practice of nepotism, this was considered normal in those days. Nepotism was also used to select Popes at one time which was another problem within the Papacy.

He must have learned a great deal about religion and the ambitions of religious leaders who became Popes while he served in the Vatican because all indications are that he was able to **purchase** the necessary votes to become Pope in 1492. He apparently amassed a great fortune during his activities as Cardinal and understood the greed of the other cardinals and was willing to pay a high price to get their votes. His life as a Cardinal was without shame and he sired several children from different women and was well known for his debauchery and orgies. He was even reprimanded by one Pope for his licentious activities during the time he was a cardinal, in a written document. However, he was not one to repent. In fact, when he became Pope he would continue with the same attitude and with more convictions to enforce his ambitions.

He was a genius at creating money out of thin air. In the Jubilee Year of 1500, he needed money to go to war after spending a great sum on the Jubilee activities his coffers were nearly empty so he decided to ask for plenary indulgences in which sinners could pay for the sins in this world and get absolution in the next world. This idea worked out incredibly well because his worshippers were prepared to pay the price. Since it worked so well for the Pope to pay for a war more than 500 years ago, I feel confident that Congress and Presidents or Parliaments and Prime Ministers should have no problem in doing something similar today during a time of tight budgets. They only have to encourage their faithful constituents who truly believe in their programs to pay the indulgence so their nations can go to war exactly as the Pope did. Should they be

unsuccessful in their efforts, they can always ask the Pope for advice since they usually consult with him anyway.

He found ways to condemn cardinals for minor offenses so that he could reclaim the bribes that he had paid them for their votes to become Pope. He is believed to have poisoned some of them and taking possession of their entire estates. The list of atrocities attributed to this Pope are endless and were written in a private diary by a German priest who served him in the Vatican as an administrator who also served other Popes. We are fortunate that the Pope never learned of the details of this diary because the priest would have almost certainly been murdered and the diary destroyed and this would have been a great loss for history. The diary of the priest**, Johann Burchard** can be found by searching the Internet[2]. This diary gives us a rare glimpse of the inside of the Vatican and must have weighed heavily on the Popes who conducted the Vatican II Council when it was clearly expressed at the time that the Roman Catholic Church had made errors which affected the image of the church. The church was making an effort in 1963 to reconcile historical complaints by other Christian religions that believed they had legitimate grievances against the Roman Catholic Church and for which the church never acknowledged.

His Papacy was being openly challenged by Fra Girolamo Savonarola who had written a letter to the French catholic princes requesting that a council be convened so that he could prove that Pope Alexander was a heretic and if proven true, the

[2] This diary can be found under the name of Johannes Burchardus, which was edited by L. Thuasne (1883-1884).

Pope could be deposed according to Canon Law at the time. Savonarola had the support of 18 cardinals including Cardinal Della Rovere who would become Pope Julius II. In the end Savonarola was hanged and then burned at the stake and the French acknowledged Alexander as their true Pope (Lane). Cardinal della Rovere feared assassination by Alexander and was considered lucky to escape Alexander's plots and he remained in hiding until Alexander finally died in 1503 (Pope Julius II). When della Rovere became Pope Julius II he did make a promise to nullify the Papacy of Alexander VI and apparently wrote a bull in 1505 to call for a council to discuss this issue. The council is believed to have convened in 1512, but according to the information that I have seen, the council of 1512 was a failure (Pope Julius II died in 1513) but I do not know of any of the details. If this information can be substantiated then this would be a strong basis to begin reviewing the legitimacy of the Treaty of Tordesilhas and the ramifications resulting from it. Of course, most people will say that it is not worth the effort as that was a long time ago so why bother now. Well, it just so happens that some institutions have recognized this problem and are taking action. One such institution is "The Indigenous Law Institute" of South Dakota, which in 1993 called on Pope John II to revoke the Inter Caetera (the Bull of 4 May 1493) and to make reparation for" this unreasonable historical grief" (Revoking). No response has been given but rather the request has been met with silence from the Vatican. This request was followed by a similar appeal in 1994 by the Parliament of World Religions.

CHAPTER 10 – THE DILEMMA OF MODERN POPES AND THE TREATY OF TORDESILHAS

I believe that this issue (the Treaty of Tordesilhas and related papal bulls) needs some discussion to get a better understanding of the real problem here. This is one of the issues that should be clarified by the Pope if he wants to improve his credibility in the world. In my opinion, if the Pope takes a position of silence on such an important issue which was created in the Papacy and responsible for the genocide of 10s of millions of Indians, while many are still suffering today, then he has virtually destroyed the moral authority of the church. The least that he could say is that he will consult with his lawyer or some kind of measured response to indicate his interest in the matter. More than 500 years later this treaty is still destroying the lives of American Indians who are being treated as voiceless non persons by both the church and the state. This situation raises another question. Why? I can think of at least two reasons for the silence. First, any response that is favorable to the Indians could expose a huge credibility gap in the canonical authority of the church and there would most likely be a tremendous ripple effect around the globe. And second, the legality of land ownership on several continents will be an issue for heated debate in the UN and could underscore the legitimacy of many nations. There will be many questions about the legality of nations and the world could be a very dangerous place if the Pope were to confess to the crimes committed by the Vatican. Are there any reasonable options to this dilemma? The simple answer is yes, assuming that the Pope believes in God and the teachings of the Bible**. He only has to ask God for help** in finding a reasonable solution otherwise the church will be challenged to justify her very existence. Or maybe he could call another council and

determine by vote if indigenous people are considered to be human beings. If you stop and think about it, **he does have options**.

Many of the problems facing the Pope can be peacefully negotiated to protect the dignity of both sides. **If there is a will then there is a way**. For example, the pope and the patriarch of Constantinople mutually agreed to rescind their excommunications letters of 1054 to reconcile some of their differences after the "Great Schism" between the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church. The Pope even returned some relics that were stolen from the church in Constantinople that belonged to two saints of the church. I'm sure that it must have been a little awkward for the Pope to return stolen goods that were being held by the church for nearly 800 years but he must have believed that this act would be a powerful symbolic gesture that would gain the respect of the Patriarch. This case is interesting because it underscores a major problem within the church. The problem in this case appears to be grounded in semantics. It is also an excellent reason why we must try our best to understand the whole problem before we can rush to judgment.

It seems as though Pope John Paul II wanted to make significant advances towards reconciliation with the Orthodox Church, but the choice of words is very sensitive to the Pope because of the fear of being misinterpreted by the media. The Roman Catholic Church has one version of the story of how the relics found their way to St Peters' Basilica and the Orthodox Church has another version. According to the Roman Catholic Church version the relics were **removed** from the Constantinople church in the 8th century and were brought to Rome for safe keeping. According to the Orthodox Church, the

relics were **stolen** in 1204 when the Christian Crusaders sacked Constantinople (Crusaders Sacking).

Some comments should be made here about the schism between the two churches because these details were generally omitted from the teachings of the church when people were growing up and indoctrinated in their faith. There have been accusations of atrocities being committed by both sides which involved rape, murder, and theft, etc., involving thousands of victims. So it is not surprising that in this atmosphere, both the Pope and the Patriarch will continue to have problems in their quest to seek common ground unless they can make a joint public statement acknowledging the crimes committed by both sides. This act would be reminiscent of the South Africa Truth Commission.

Although much praise has been heaped on Pope John Paul II for his efforts to apologize for the errors of the church, I get the feeling that the Vatican Curia is very reluctant to support a detailed confession of specific crimes committed by the Vatican. Such a confession would put future popes in a precarious position that could undermine their moral authority. On the other hand, failure to make such a confession can be seen by the masses as lacking moral authority.

Based upon the way the Pope treated the sex scandals in Ireland and other countries, it looks like he is more interested in covering up the crimes and protecting the church rather than the victims. Acknowledging the crimes in this case will not go far enough. I'm not certain, but I believe that Pope John Paul II may have already made an apology for the crimes. In this case any failure on the part of the sitting Pope to revoke the policy that created the abuse makes him an accomplice to the crimes

committed under that policy. So the real question is," Does the Pope believe in God and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church"? The world will know the answer by his response or non response. There is only one way out of this mess and that is to do the right thing. He does have a choice based on his own conscience. One, journalist, Keith Ellison, wrote an article in the International Herald Tribune on 23 Sep, 2011, in discussing the Palestine request for statehood, in which he attributes an article to Martin Luther King in 1965 (I believe that this should actually be 22 Oct 64 when he spoke at Oberlin College), which states, "**The time is always right to do what's right**".

Most people have in fact come to believe that the US Constitution no longer applies to the USA, especially Congress and the Presidents and that was written in 1776 and not 1493 or 1494. One argument tells us that the United States is not an independent country but rather a corporation that belongs to England with the King as the trustee for the corporation and that the constitution **was never voted on** by Congress, but was approved secretly by the founding fathers before independence. At this time in history, we can expect more and more people to ask for proof of independence from England based upon these arguments because there are in fact many plausible arguments that appear to make the United States of America, in reality, a corporation. If it is a corporation, there must be a trustee that created the corporation and in this case it would most likely be England. Still, the constitution does have its advocates and due to the current political turmoil in the USA, some political pundits are expecting this to be a powerful issue in the next couple of national elections. I have one friend who always reminds me that Amilcar Cabral wrote a book called "Return to the Source". This was a reminder to the people of Cabo Verde

to learn who they really are as a people so they could determine their own destiny which was being denied to them at the time.

CHAPTER 11 – THE DIVINE RIGHT OF KINGS, JEFFERSON AND THE POPE

According to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, man was born with a free will to make his own choices in life. However, the Popes and St. Thomas Aquinas and others determined that man should be forced into religious conversions which violate his free will, thus making it an illegal act by the church and any other authority that supports this doctrine. Thomas Jefferson opposed the doctrine of the Divine Right of Kings during the American Revolution as did the French during the French Revolution. These divine rights allowed for forced religious conversions and the violation of free will and free thought. Jefferson obviously believed in God but consistently opposed what he believed were hypocritical teachings of the church, which he considered to be priestcraft (basically witchcraft used by priests). If you disobeyed the King you would go to Hell, according to the popes who sometimes actually crowned the King. This was the atmosphere that led Jefferson to take a strict stand against forced religious conversions and the hypocritical teachings of the church. This way of thinking helped pave the way to the statement "all men are created equal". This concept was promoted earlier in the 17th century by John Locke and John Ponet of England and also included the concept that man was entitled to life, liberty and property. It therefore must be reasonable to assume that if all men are created equal, it would only be natural that that they have the right to exercise free will in making their choices in life which do not harm others.

The Doctrine of the Divine right of Kings led to the American Revolution and it seems that when Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence for the American people, he

was in effect freeing America from the dictates of the church and the Divine Right of Kings which was sanctioned by the church. Thus, it was only natural that the church would have to be separated from the government. If Jefferson did not take a firm stand on this issue, in theory the church could interfere with democracy and condemn people to Hell for voting their conscience instead of subjecting themselves to the will of the church (for example, such as has been attempted by the Christian Coalition and Pat Robertson in the United States). Thanks to Jefferson's understanding of human nature and foresight, his writings have had a lasting effect on American and world history.

Many of Jefferson's thoughts present a dilemma for historians, because although extremely articulate and rational he does not apply these thoughts to all cultural groups in his sphere of influence as he clearly shows a preference for a European based society. The enigma of this contradiction is that it would be Jefferson, perhaps more than any other of the founding fathers, which would be quoted on issues of freedom of religion and the right of equality for all men including Blacks, Indians and others. In this regard his writings and philosophy have provided us with the essential tools to define the future of mankind and improve the living standards of all men regardless of religious affiliation or ethnicity. Jefferson was well aware of history and must have known that his philosophy of equality of men would be quoted by minority groups as well as Europeans. Maybe in this way he believed that he was doing his service to humanity. Despite the prevailing contradictions, perhaps we can rewrite Jefferson just like he rewrote the bible. We just need to separate the good from the bad and use only the good or as Jefferson would do, "Pick the diamonds from the dunghills". Very simple concept,

just do it. I feel confident that Mr. Jefferson would not object to this idea.

CHAPTER 12 – INFIDEL, PAGANS AND HEATHENS

Jefferson believed that the word infidel was invented by the Christian clergy. According to this argument, it seems logical that the words Pagans and Heathens were also invented by the clergy since all three words have basically the same meaning in most languages. These words have had a lasting imprint on the minds of Christians for centuries with powerful negative connotations that describe certain people and cultures. These overt assumptions have led to many acts of violence and hatred against these peoples.

Thomas Paine also has some interesting insights on infidelity. In "The Age of Reason", he says, "Infidelity does not consist in believing or in disbelieving; it consists in professing to believe what one (he) does not believe. It is impossible to calculate the moral mischief, if I may so express it, that mental lying has produced in society. When a man has so far corrupted and prostituted the chastity of his mind, as to subordinate his professional belief to things he does not believe, he has prepared himself for the commission of every other crime."

Due to my curiosity with Jefferson's observations, I decided that I wanted to know more about these words that have condemned many people to a world of Hell and damnation by Christians. I was surprised to learn that the two words Pagans and Heathens have many definitions and sometimes they mean the same. It seems as though basically, they refer to people who do not believe in Christianity, Judaism or Islam. So I naturally started to wonder, why anyone would want to believe in one of these religions if they already had their own belief system. At least one writer, Avro Manhattan, claims in his

book, “The Vatican’s Holocaust” that in the Balkans many people were given a choice by the clergy to either accept Christianity or be executed. Yet, Christianity claims that man was born with a free will, but apparently the Pope decided to overrule God and force people to convert to Christianity against their will in much the same way that Nixon and Kissinger decided to overturn the results of Chile’s free elections in 1973.

Even within Christianity there are many divisions and forced conversions as was the case during the reign of “Bloody” Mary in England who sent non-believers of Catholicism to the London Tower to be executed if they refused to be converted to Catholicism. Just imagine an Englishman being asked by the Queen to surrender his soul or his head. Some choice!

I’ve already discussed the practice of adopting paganism to Christian rituals in order to facilitate the conversion to Christianity.

In Brazil it is common knowledge that many African traditions have been incorporated into Catholic rituals. In fact just a couple of years ago it became a serious problem in the media that was causing embarrassment to the Catholic Church. Apparently African Brazilians were accepting Catholicism, but only because they were allowed to continue their traditional rituals under the camouflage of Catholicism. In this way their traditional rituals were maintained alongside that of Christianity without being persecuted by the church (which was a problem in the past).

During the last 2,000 years, it looks like Paganism has had a strong influence on Christianity, so it seems that it is a natural part of society even today. I believe that it would be of great interest to a better understanding of religion if researchers would decide to do a detailed study on Pagans and Heathens and their influence on world history. In many parts of the world their traditions have been mixed with Christianity while creating a whole new culture that represents an extremely important part of their history. This new culture has been hidden in nations, such as Cabo Verde, Cuba, Haiti, Brazil and many others. It seems logical that by exploring these traditions we can learn more about religion in general. It will also be much easier to accept our differences as human beings with a greater sense of tolerance for other religions and cultures.

After 2,000 years of forced conversions, it is finally time to put away thy sword and learn to tolerate one another while learning the truth about Christianity in the process. These traditions and rituals could have a strong economic impact on selected communities, especially when combined with modern day technology to promote their cause on an international level**. I also believe that because of Cabo Verde's unique role in world history as the Genesis of the New World, this would be an ideal place to implement this new philosophy and make scientific inquiry into the origins of Paganism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam which should attract distinguished researchers to confirm this history.**

CHAPTER 13 – THE SCRIPTUAL BASIS FOR THE DIVINE RIGHT OF KINGS

The scriptural basis for the Divine Right of Kings comes partly from Romans 13:1-2 which states "Let every soul be subjected into the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: The powers that are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of God and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation". In this case, if a slave should flee his master and finds freedom for him and his family he will be condemned to Hell. So now you have a situation whereby a man is living in a known Hell and is being taught that if he breaks the law and flees, he will be condemned to an unknown Hell forever. This is an incredible lesson of total mind control by the church and would almost certainly be classified as priestcraft by Thomas Jefferson.

CHAPTER 14 – SCIENCE AND MYTHOLOGY

How do we rationalize the laws of nature and the birth of Adam and Eve? Some paintings have dealt with this problem by creating another problem. Some paintings of Adam and Eve show a navel while other paintings avoid the issue by depicting the body in such a way that there is no need to show the navel. The problem created by these paintings is one of simple common sense that we usually take for granted. If a painting of Adam and Eve is commissioned by the Vatican, should it have a navel? This question is crucial to our understanding of religion and science. If Adam and Eve had navels then they were born according to the laws of nature. It is obvious then that if they were born without navels then any story of their birth would be considered a myth and classified as mythology by scientists according to the laws of nature. This situation raises another question, if they were born according to the laws of nature then who are their parents? How can they possibly not have parents? What would scientists learn from their DNA today? Perhaps the real question should be, "If God created Adam, then was not Adam the son of God? In this case does it not follow then that Adam should also have a mother? Was this question ever considered? If God has always existed, why can't there be a Goddess also who always existed? How does one explain the existence of one without the other? Adam certainly would not have been considered to be a son of man if he had no parents. I suspect that different religions will have different answers to this eternal question. Is this a conflict between science and religion**? If not then how does the Pope respond to these questions since he can claim infallibility?** Another interesting question would be, "How old was he on the anniversary of his first year?" I suspect that he may have looked pretty big for his age.

Now let's assume that Mary is the mother of God which seems to be (although with intentional dubious connotations sometimes) an accepted truth in the teachings of the Vatican scholars and now let's try to rationalize arguments about her parental heritage. If Mary was the Mother of God, then obviously her parents were the grandparents of God and Joseph was either the father of God or the step father of God. Now let's go one step further with this irrefutable fact and bring Adam and Eve into the picture. If Adam and Eve were in fact the first man and woman of all humanity, then certainly they must have been the ancestors of God because they had to be the ancestors of Mary and her parents. In this discussion, God is a descendant of man. If someone has a better answer to this argument, I would certainly appreciate hearing from them.

One of the main problems with discussions of this type when applied to religious issues is the problem of semantics. Much of Christianity is based in the East and different schools of thought have different meanings which translate into different belief systems. The same words often are interpreted differently from one culture to another, so when we are discussing religious issues these differences can have a dramatic effect on our beliefs. Terms such as Mother of God or Son of God are examples of phrases that create such problems. There have been classical debates throughout history in efforts to resolve these issues, but unfortunately progress is usually very slow in this area.

All of these questions have a direct relationship to the Pope and the justification for his authority. Many people were burned at the stake by authority of the Pope for asking tough questions in the past. There should be honest debate by the

proper authorities whether in religion, science or government if we should expect to get a clearer understanding of the truth of nature and the purpose of man.

CHAPTER 15 – THE DOCTRINE OF THE DIVINE RIGHT OF KINGS AND THE TWO SWORD THEORY

The Roman Catholic Church tradition dealt with the issue of royal absolutism with the doctrine of the two swords. This issue was promulgated by Pope Gelasius in the 5th century (Gelasius I). The Pope held that both royal and priestly powers were bestowed by God, but that the Pope's power was ultimately more important. According to Pope Gelasius: "There are two powers, august (majestic) Emperor, by which this world is chiefly ruled, namely, the sacred authority of the priests and the royal power […]. You are also aware dear son, that while you are permitted honorably to rule over mankind, yet in things divine you bow your head humbly before the leaders of the clergy and await from their hands the means of your salvation".

This is a glaring example of absurdity in Christian doctrine. According to this theory, if Peter was in fact the first Pope, he would have had the authority to depose the Emperor for refusing to accept his teachings. Obviously, that never happened. Then again we have the story of St. John the Baptist who provided some advice to Herod and his head was last seen on a platter shortly thereafter.

CHAPTER 16 – ANALYZING THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE PROBLEMS

At least one writer is trying to analyze western thinking by returning to the source of the beginnings of western thought and ideas and explain how they have shaped the world of today. The writer, Richard Tarnas, has written a best seller "**The Passion of the Western Mind**", Ballantine Books, NY 1990." Christianity,(according to Tarnas,) has a long history of bigotry and violent intolerance, forcible conversions of other people, ruthless suppression of other cultures perspectives, persecutions of heretics, crusaders against Moslems, oppression of Jews; its deprecation of women's spirituality and exclusion of women from portions of religious authority, its association with slavery and colonialist exploitations, its pervasive spirit of prejudice and religious arrogance maintained against all outside the fold".

The thinking of Tarnas is explosive when one understands that all of his observations have been going on for centuries, yet little has been said about it in the past, but he also gives us an explanation of this anomaly when he says; "**The true role of religion was to keep the lower classes in order.** A social opiate, religion effectively served the interests of the ruling class against the masses **by encouraging the latter to forego their responsibility for changing the present world of injustice and exploitations in exchange for false security, for religious beliefs of divine providence and the false promise of immortal life"** (Tarnas)**.**

It is easy to understand why his writings would be popular today in view of the social transformation that the world is witnessing on a large scale. Now that the Berlin Wall has

fallen, Christianity has been making enormous gains in warfare perhaps not seen since the days of colonialism. Unemployment is setting all time records in many countries, the economies are devastated and wars only bring more wars. The future of the young looks bleak and people are angry at governments and religion across the globe. Recently, thousands have demonstrated against papal visits in Ireland, England, Spain and Germany. People now are starting to see the causes of the problems and are starting to investigate these causes in much greater detail than previously. The fall of communism may have exposed the world to the real problems that were not really noticed before, because people were led to believe that communism was the problem. Now with communism out of the way, all of a sudden Islam is supposed to be the problem. Unfortunately, the middle class is rapidly disappearing while the rich are benefiting from all the chaos. Military budgets have increased dramatically since the fall of communism when people were expecting tax relief and investment opportunities. The world is now indebted to a few rich people and the vast majority of the world's middle and poor classes are expected to pay the bill which is always behind in payments and impossible to payoff under the current monetary system. Thus, people are starting to ask the hard questions to determine how we got into this situation in the first place. The standard answer centers on two institutions; the state and the church (I'm sure others will include the banks and the media with valid arguments. Many people, however, believe that in most states the banks control the state while the state controls the media).

CHAPTER 17 – THE ARAB SPRING AND SIMILAR MOVEMENTS

In 2011 everyone has been following the uprisings in the Arab world which is known as the Arab Spring as everything began in the spring of 2011 and suddenly it looked as though one country after another would overthrow dictators in the Arab world. The first to go was Tunisia, then Egypt, while others started to negotiate with the protesters and still others took a harder stand such as Syria and Libya. The European Union decided to take a stand along with the United States and recognize their choices to govern the future of the countries once the dictators have been replaced with a new form of government. On the surface they tell us that the choices are being made by the will of the people who want change after living under dictatorships all of their lives. Nevertheless, it is impossible to ignore the fact that once a dictator has been removed in the Middle East, the European leaders and their friends across the Atlantic all rush in with business proposals of support for the new regimes. All of a sudden new job opportunities are seen in the wake of the former dictators as the industrialized countries seek to prop up their struggling economies with new investments in the Arab world.

It is fair to say that these people have never known democracy from within their own borders but rather only from without. Their views have been mostly all negative from the way their nations have used foreign aid to protect the power elites while the masses have been suppressed. Now the whole world is hoping that these new governments will practice democracy. I wouldn't bet on it. The typical scenario in these situations usually result in a dictator being replaced by so called democracy movements and ends up with a new

government that is seen as repressive by the local people in order that the new government receives technology and other forms of aid that greatly restricts the people. In other words, the problems remain the same, just the characters are different and the beat marches on.

What does this mean to you if you are a citizen of such a country? Basically, it means, you have a new dictator who is propped up by the same support system as the previous dictator from foreign countries that offer foreign aid. These countries already have contracts made with the previous dictator and want to continue these contracts. A new ruling class will take over that offers elections but the real power will remain with those who have been chosen by the foreign powers that support the new system. This program is all an extension of manifest destiny and now there is little or no hope of evading this dilemma. This system creates a debacle that puts the masses up against the powerful that control the money and the legal systems that affect the daily lives of the citizens. This is not a favorable position to be in if you are an ordinary citizen. You must become an extraordinary person and seek protection for you and your loved ones based on common sense and perhaps even the 10 commandments if necessary. Review your options. Make wise choices, always staying within the confines of the law unless of course you have the courage of Martin Luther King and prepared to challenge unjust laws (when he wrote his famous letter from the Birmingham Jail in April, 1963 and said, "I would agree with St. Augustine that an unjust law is no law at all…"). If you are not happy where you are, move to another location. For example, if you are a Christian in a Muslim town or a Muslim in a Christian town where people hate your religion, race or whatever, then move to another location where you will be accepted.

One serious flaw in dealing with new governments in the Arab world can readily be seen in the way that these governments are being approached by European Christians about to have a feast at the negotiating table. These Christian nations are being seen by the Arab world as predators who will take advantage of their misery to enrich themselves. This situation will almost certainly create more enmity between Christianity and Islam. **This is one more reason why people will have to start defending their own way of life rather than wait for government intervention**.

CHAPTER 18 – CRITICIZING THE PAPACY

In summarizing the character of the Pope who wrote the Treaty of Tordesilhas, I have tried to portray his true character, so that we can make our own judgments about him and his views of other cultures, especially considering his authority as the Pope. I have also tried to demonstrate how other Popes had similar views and I might add that in the case of Pope Nicholas V; who wrote the bull of 1455; he was considered to be a scholarly pope of sincere piety. Here is the epitaph on his tomb which was written by Aeneas Sylvius who later became Pope Pius II : **"He was a man of sincere piety […] we may truly say that the lofty aims, the scholarly and artistic tastes and the noble generosity of Nicholas form one of the brightest pages in the history of the popes".** So the problem might be more than an individual one but an institutional problem as well. In this case, it is paramount that all people who desire true justice stand up in solidarity with one another and seek to make this world a better place for all humanity. In my research on Pope Alexander VI, I did find one author who made a very revealing observation when discussing Mario Puzo's book, "The Godfather". Here is a remarkable observation after listing many of the crimes of the Borgia family, the author (name unknown at this time) states: **"Unfortunately, Mario Puzo does not mention the greatest crime of all: the theft of the New World by Borgia, Vespucci, Portugal and Spain".**

It now appears that there are in fact other writers who have recognized the problem of the Treaty of Tordesilhas and how it opened up a world of imperial rule under the dominion of the Europeans and the Pope with the expressed authority to tax the natives and conquer them and take possession of their lands without their consent. Now that we have a better picture of the

Pope who was responsible for most of these atrocities, we must now ask ourselves what actions have the so-called good popes taken to resolve these problems. I have spoken of Pope Julius II and his apparently unsuccessful efforts to renounce and depose the Pope after his death, but what has been done lately (Unfortunately, he was not known as a good pope. He was known as Papa Terrible or The Warrior Pope)? At the present time based on available information, it seems safe to say that the Vatican is very well aware of the problems and the accusations and suspicions involving the Holy See.

One writer; Paul Williams who has a PhD with a Master's Degree in Theology and teaches religion at a university in Scranton, PA, has written a book: "The Vatican Exposed", in which he discusses secrecy, murder, the origins of immoral funds, the Mafia, etc.

Here is how John Bond, author of the book "In the Pillory: The Tale of the Borgia Pope" in 1929, describes the Papacy, "An institution like the Roman Papacy, conceived in fraud and born in inequity, was bound in the order of God's law, to produce its crop of evil, and of this crop probably the Borgia Pope is the most striking example, though by no means the only one" (Bond). **His writings were based on documents that he actually discovered in the Vatican that had been previously unknown**.

Here is another quotation of Bond, "Pope Alexander is the one who gave the entire New World to Spain during the early days of exploitation of the Americas. Thus, the incestuous Borgia; **Pope Alexander VI became the fitting patron of the Knights of Columbus in their effort to make America Catholic which proposition is further strengthened by the**

action of the Knights of Columbus in selecting the Borgia Coat of Arms to adorn the walls of their Oratory in Rome" (Bond).

In another example of recognition of the crimes of the Vatican (*that includes the Treaty of Tordesilhas*-emphasis mine), one Romanist historian declared that the Roman Catholic Church is "**an accomplice to the crimes of the Borgia Popes if she does not take some official action to annul the election and obliterate their memory**", and continues by adding, "the crimes and story of the Borgia [….], constitutes a chapter of unparalleled interests in the history of mankind". According to John Bond, the book containing this statement has been placed on the "**Index Expurgatorius" or List of Forbidden Books, by the Vatican** – therefore, to the Vatican the record of "His Holiness Alexander VI" presents nothing to condemn. Bond also states that the Vatican restored his apartments and erected a monument to him in one of the largest churches in Rome.

There seems also to be a great fear in providing an honest discussion on these issues which leads many of the faithful to question the true intentions of the church. This lack of trust is resulting in a mass exodus wherever the people are well informed about the realities of this silence. **The common people of the world must try to find a common way to educate the people about these issues, in a non-threatening atmosphere of solidarity with one another and not in direct competition, unless absolutely necessary.**

There is another problem facing the church and that is the sex scandals that have rocked the church over the last few decades. The Prime Minister of Ireland is irate and is trying to

get the Pope to respond to these accusations. But it doesn't end there; there is a reverend in Canada[3] who is adamant in his accusations against the Pope as well as the Anglican Church and the United Church in Canada. He is accusing all three churches of genocide in their attempts which have been quite successful in exterminating the Indians so the land can be possessed by the large corporations.

In analyzing history and the suffering of billions of people around the world, we always find the presence of two common denominators; religion and politics with an insatiable thirst for world conquest. One writer suggests that the media is also part of the problem since they promote the cause of the first two and in this sense he is correct. There seems to be a constant march towards power and money. The end justifies the means as the saying goes**. Ironically, these two elements have created the problems of today and are the same ones that the world has been relying on to solve the problems that they created**. Their objective has always been to conquer the world at any costs, so the world must find another solution if any realistic results can be expected.

A major problem in trying to find a solution to this dilemma is the lack of a representative society which reflects the demands and qualities of the society we are seeking. To speak of a Utopia would be unrealistic at this stage of history. That is the first reality that must be recognized. The most likely scenario would probably be different groups or societies working in isolation in search of solutions that would

[3] Rev. _Kevin Annett: Genocide of Canadian Aboriginals at 25 million. 25 Apr 2011. «www.itccs.org» Web. 23 Jul. 2011.

eventually be monitored in coordination with other similar working groups until a feasible study can be recommended as a pilot study program with future implications if proven effective. In the meantime there would be an expected upheaval in the thinking of the methodology being used by church and state to manage current political and religious programs. Many of these issues could and most probably would lead to violence, so things could easily get worse before they get better, leading many people to reminisce over the good old days. In other words, the best possible solution would most likely be by way of **a true democratic election** rather than the traditional bogus democratic elections and without the traditional control of political parties that have dominated societies in the recent past. Unfortunately, this is really wishful thinking and is not realistic in the world that exists today.

I believe that the immediate problem is to recognize the real problems, because if the people are not properly informed about the roots of the current day problems, it is almost a certainty that history will only be repeated. It must be a natural will of the people and not a form of mind control which is obviously one of the biggest problems that we are facing today. In this paper I have tried to argue how society has been conditioned to accept mind control without rational investigation and how secular and religious authorities have combined to deceive the world through false and improper claims of proper legal authority. This deceit has transferred the wealth of underdeveloped nations to the more industrialized nations while decimating their societies in the process. This process has created many enemies. These enemies may be in the undeveloped societies or they may have fled to the industrialized societies where they are ripe for marginalization

due to inadequate job preparation, religious beliefs, racial strife or other factors that restrict their natural freedoms.

In particular, I have tried to emphasize how the world was caught totally unprepared to deal with the claims of the Pope and his remarkable views of world conquest which was highlighted in the Treaty of Tordesilhas and the partition of the world between east and west based on the demarcation line in Cabo Verde**. I have also tried to argue that the cooperation between the church and state has contributed to many of the atrocities that we have witnessed in the world throughout history, especially for the last 2,000 years and why the people of the world must begin to examine this history through rational investigation rather than having blind faith in secular and religious authorities.** These authorities may be deemed a necessary evil in order for society to function, but nevertheless, their capacity for evil should be greatly restricted. This restriction to limit their evil tendencies should be monitored, openly discussed and enforced through legitimate democratic voting procedures. Unfortunately, society is not prepared at this time to deal with this suggestion. However, that is a major reason to recognize the problem first and only then can we expect rational judgment to follow. One factor that heavily favors secular and religious authorities is the tendency for ordinary people to act irrationally when angry.

At one time in history there was a belief that Kings had a Divine Right to govern and after the many atrocities committed in the name of these beliefs, democracy was supposed to have replaced the Divine Right of Kings. We were taught that this doctrine was buried in history and replaced by democracy. It never seemed to occur to us that the Pope actually operates on the same theory that **he believes that he has a Divine Right to**

enforce his rule on the world in one way or another. **He even claims to be invested with the power of God.** This statement can be confirmed by the speech made by Pope Urban II on 27 Nov 1095 in the City Council of Clermont, France. In a speech known as "Against the Infidels", in which he says, "I Urban, **by the permission of God, Chief Bishop and Prelate over the whole world,** have come into these parts as an ambassador with a **divine admonition** to you the servants of God". Later in the speech after he encourages them to go to war against Islam, he continues, "[…] **All who die by the way, whether by land or sea, or in battle against the pagans shall have immediate remission of sins. This I grant them through the power of God with which I'm invested" (**Urban II**).** Now I ask, "Are these the words of a rational man or is this considered to be blasphemy?"

It's interesting to note that one Cape Verdean writer recently alerted his readers to beware of the use of symbols which should never be allowed to become a dogma but rather seen as a temporary convenience. Preconceived ideas lead men to inappropriate actions and justification of the worst crimes. So people should learn to free themselves from symbolism that frequently causes irrational judgment and unnecessary harm to others.

CHAPTER 19 – PONTIFEX MAXIMUS, PAPAL PRIMACY AND FRAUDULENT DOCUMENTS

I believe that it is impossible to discuss the power of the pope without saying a few words about Pontifex Maximus which means Supreme Pontiff and is a title that was used by the Pagan Pantheon in Rome. This title was held by the Roman Caesars and was the highest office in the Pagan Pantheon. The last Roman Emperor to use this title was Emperor Gratius who conferred the title on **Pope Damasus (366-383 AD) who became the first pope in history to use this title in 382 AD.** This was a traditional title for Emperors under Imperial Law and consequently made the Emperor the head of the church. The Emperor Constantine apparently used this authority when he called the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD to settle the Arian controversy.

Since this title would be the highest office in the Roman Empire and since it was conferred upon the pope in the fourth century AD, it seems that it could be this authority that is being used by the Roman popes to claim papal primacy in the Catholic Church with the divine right to rule the orthodox churches of the east and to appoint the Bishops or Patriarchs in the eastern bloc countries. This title also appears to represent an unbroken connection between the Holy Roman Empire and the Roman Catholic Church. Although we have all been brought up believing in "The History of the Decline and fall of the Roman Empire" (the western empire-Rome- in 476 and the eastern empire –Byzantine-in 1453), by the British author, Edward Gibbon (1737-1794), it now appears that this is merely a myth which should be reexamined.

Obviously, there are many unanswered questions in this discussion that need clarification. Unfortunately, it is also obvious, that clarifications will usually be based on personal beliefs and biases and not on standard logic. Still, it is important to use common sense and rational judgment in analyzing this predicament because it could affect our long held religious beliefs regarding the role of the pope. **Is he the head of the church or is he the Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire?**

False Documents

There have been many discussions about church authority relying on false documents to justify ecclesiastical rule. The Roman Catholic Church seems to be the principal offender of this philosophy. The Donation of Constantine will be discussed in the next chapter but there are other documents that have been scrutinized and believed to be fraudulent. One of these supposed forgeries is a collection of documents known as **Isidorian Decrees** named after Isidore Mercator who is believed to be the author. These writings have been incorporated in a 9th century collection of canons and have been ascribed to early popes from Clement to Gregory the Great and are said to have been composed between 847 and 852, most likely in either Reims or Le Mans in France (Brooks). The purpose of the writings was to reform Canon Law and apparently had been accepted to some extent by the papacy because of its support of age-old church claims regarding the primacy of Peter as the first pope. In the middle ages these writings were used in text books of Canon Law. However, according to at least one source they were completely exposed in the 16th century as "False Decretals" (False).

Another source goes into great detail on a discussion of the Primacy of Roman Pontiffs and begins the discussion by explaining the term; *primus inter pares*, which means first among equals. It has been interpreted differently by different religious affiliations. The Roman Catholic Pope believes it to mean that the pope of Rome has power over all other churches, while some churches accept the meaning of first among equals but not with the power to rule over all other churches.

This philosophy has been a major problem in unification attempts by the Vatican when reaching out to Orthodox churches to reconcile their historical differences. A major obstacle in the primacy argument is the manner in which the Vatican has been using the supposed primacy of Peter as the founder of the church in Rome, to support the authority and claims of the church and the office of the pope as the legitimate successor to Peter. This argument has created many legitimate discussions over the centuries. Some Orthodox churches argue that the presence of Peter in Rome has never been explicitly confirmed, but Pope Clement I (the 4th pope according to the Roman Catholic Church) is used as the authority to confirm this theory. However, there is great controversy over this argument because the writings attributed to Clement I (the Homilies) are believed to have been exposed as proven forgeries in the 16th century. "Supposed primacy has never been accepted by Eastern Orthodox churches and rejected by Protestant Reformers" (Wallbank). Professor Cullman, a German born Theologian and ecumenical scholar, concludes, "**on the basis of evidence available, the founding of the Roman Church by Peter can neither be proved nor regarded as probable"** Winnal)**.**

Of course, due to our personal beliefs developed many years ago, it is only natural that we will want to have concrete evidence to support the arguments being presented in this book. One such source would have to be the original writings of the Bible which were written in Greek in the New Testament. That is a known and accepted fact by historians and scholars. Now we come to semantics and interpretations of scripture and the famous statement, "Upon this rock I build my church", when addressing Peter. The word for rock or mountain in Greek is petras and the word for (small) stone is petros. Using these definitions, the conclusion by the Wikipedia author of Primacy of Roman Pontiffs, is that Peter is the small stone (among other stones or other apostles) (Corinthians 10:4, 1 Peter 2-4-8) while Jesus retains the title of rock (large stone) or mountain for himself as the chief cornerstone of the church (Ephesians 2:20). Also Psalm 118:22 and Isaiah 28:16 (Primacy). I hope that this information has been helpful for anyone who is willing to review this issue with greater scrutiny for self knowledge and personal development.

I had always wanted to learn Greek as a young boy and eventually I lost my desire to learn it. I wish that I could read Greek now, because it would certainly help me in my research on religion. Now, I will have to rely on Greek translations and hope for the best.

CHAPTER 20 – MORE CRITICISM OF THE CHURCH

Some writers say that Constantine was actually the first real Pope. He was the one who called the Council of Nicaea in 325 to approve the books of the Bible (Council of Nicaea). I stated in the last chapter that Constantine was invested with the title of Supreme Pontiff (Pontifex Maximus), so under Imperial Law he would have been considered as the head of the church. Under these circumstances many people would have legitimate grounds to consider him to be the first pope, since the supreme pontiff and the pope are really the same person.

Pope Sylvester I did not attend the council (due to age and health concerns) but reportedly sent two priests to represent him. When studying Constantine we find another problem that relates to the Treaty of Tordesilhas and Pope Alexander VI and that is the famous **Donation of Constantine** which all readers of this text should become familiar (Donation). Everybody needs a legal document to justify their actions and apparently some writers believe that Pope Alexander claimed that the Vatican had the right to conquer and convert non-Christians to Christianity based on this document; The Donation of Constantine which is a letter supposedly written by the Emperor Constantine to Pope Sylvester I and authorizing him to expand the church to the west. The letter is now believed to be a forgery by most historians and was exposed as such around 1450 but was still being used by Popes even after the exposure. In other words many claims by the church were based on a forged document for many centuries but those claims are still considered to be legal today. This argument is based on one known document that is generally accepted to be a forged document; there are however, other important documents allegedly involved in the deception. For example,

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America has a web site with some interesting information regarding these documents while admitting that other members of the church sometimes hold different views on some issues posted on their site. Nevertheless they do give interesting details and explanations for the Great Schism in the church which appears to be based on the use of false documents. In one such case, they speak about the Homilies which are believed to be falsely attributed to Pope Clement I (first century AD). These writings are said to have been an attempt to restate the life of the Apostle Peter in an attempt to make him appear as the first pope. According to this site, historians and catholic scholars have recognized these writings as being proven forgeries (Great Schism).

There are many other claims based on mythology or on hearsay which helps to explain many of the problems in the Middle East, especially the Palestinian situation. An international court has yet to hear these issues despite the need for such a hearing based on impartial judgment. As a result of this inaction, the world has become a prisoner of constant fear.

Arius was a key figure in the Council of Nicaea and I strongly recommend that the readers of this study be familiar with his role in the church. He was a Christian Presbyter in Alexandria who held strong views about the Holy Trinity and the Emperor Constantine ordered that his writings be burned while he was still alive and therefore his writings have not survived. He was labeled a heretic and excommunicated but in 336 he was reinstated by the Emperor Constantine and almost immediately after his meeting at the palace with the Emperor he died in what was seen as a mysterious death and his followers believe that he was poisoned due to the manner of his death (Arius). His teachings had drawn many followers and

they became known as Arians who practiced Arianism which remained a strong religion in central and Eastern Europe for 250 years. He was canonized as a saint by the Arian Catholic Church of England in the 21st century. He argued; "**If the father begat the Son, he that was begotten had a beginning of existence: and from this it is evident, that there was a time when the Son was not. It therefore necessarily follows, that he (the Son) had his substance from nothing".** This quote describes the essence of Arius' doctrine, which contradicts the teaching of the Holy Trinity. The opposing view was that**, If one takes a torch and lights another torch from the same fire then it is the same fire, "is it not?"** These examples are given to show how even the greatest theologians in the world can argue the same point for a thousand years and still are unable to come to a unanimous decision on key issues of dogma.

The reason that I have discussed such issues as Arius, Constantine, Cyril and Nestorius is to provide the reader with some important concrete examples of the many ways that we have come to have different religious beliefs. These developments in our lives are based on very shaky grounds in many cases and we never really investigate the matter because we have been conditioned to accept things as they are and not to ask why when we should be asking why not?! I refuse to get into specific arguments about the different beliefs held by these protagonists because my purpose was never meant to debate these issues, but rather to have you the reader inquire through rational investigation to get a better idea of the real problems that affect all of us today.

Unfortunately, Paine also seems to have had many critics because of his strong religious views, despite the fact that his

views appear to be well qualified based on rational explanations. One problem in this regard may be his zeal in some of his expressions that condemn religion for the contradictions that he found in biblical teachings. It should be noted however, that he was a victim of the social religious teachings of the period and he actually spent nearly a year in a French prison for expressing his beliefs. He was reportedly scheduled for execution but miraculously survived due to an error in the prison execution selection procedures. So in some ways his writings may be compared to that of Machiavelli.

His comments on religion as I have tried to express in this report seem to be quite logical and thus gives one good reason to view many of the teachings and practices of the church with great skepticism and of course this way of thinking will easily attract critics from the powerful religious institutions and their supporters in addition to the politicians who cooperate with them. So despite the fears of expressing what appears to be undoubtedly a rational explanation of historical problems and expecting a backlash from readers' comments, why do it? Well, I believe that in the first place**, the truth will set you free**. I am a firm believer of that statement.

There are many people including Thomas Paine who believe that religious leaders have enslaved the human population. By using God as the ultimate authority, it is easy to understand how religious leaders can control the mind of the masses and limit free thinking. Despite the many obvious contradictions in religious teachings of the Bible, billions of people have accepted this authority without a real debate because their leaders have conditioned them to accept it that way. One of the most glaring examples of the abuse of religion is to look at the leadership of the important churches which is represented by

golden crowns, exotic art and jewelry in their palaces, while their subordinates preach humility and poverty to the masses. While the leadership is sitting in golden environments many of their followers are starving to death while producing the gold. Perhaps it is time that the common people start to evaluate the situation using a logical means of assessment. It is unfortunate, but not surprising that many of these people who have been condemned to a life of abject poverty turn out to be vicious criminals.

Perhaps one of the most ridiculous examples of complete mind control by the church is the physical appearance of Jesus. Believe it or not in a remarkable article in a well respected newspaper in Portugal a very important article was published under the heading, "New Book Reveals Biblical Lies." In direct contrast to the traditional descriptions of Jesus in statues and paintings, the article clearly stated that **"He was a small man with brown complexion."** There were several examples cited in the article that would surely have a major impact on the way people see religion, but most people would probably have difficulty in adjusting to the new reality because of the way their brains were manipulated since childhood. Now here is the best part, the name of the book is "The Eleven Commandments", published by two contributors (Elisabetta Broli and Roberto Bretta) to the Italian Catholic newspaper "Avennire". In the Preface the Pontifical Commission for the Cultural Heritage of the Church expresses the views of the church and considers it to be "a precious work" of demystification (Jornal de Noticias).

There is no end to the scrutiny that will be required of the Pope and the Vatican to determine the legality of many existing treaties that have contributed to the enslavement of mankind.

The concordats (the treaties between the Vatican and nation states) should be reviewed and studied with great care, assuming that they are available for public scrutiny. Apparently at least some information is available since I've already mentioned at least three different agencies that have reported on funds being paid to the Pope. If they are not available for public scrutiny that should be a warning sign that something is amiss and all efforts should be made to make them public.

In trying to determine if there are any references to church authority and hierarchical classifications, I have found the following information: The bible specifically names several offices in the church and describes the work and qualifications of those who hold that office, but there doesn't seem to be any mention of the pope and his qualifications. This information was found on a web site called "The Gospel Way" under the subtitle:"Peter and the Papacy" by David E. Pratte. It is obvious that the information shows a clear bias against the Catholic Church in order to promote the interests of the web page sponsor. Nevertheless, the information offered on this site provides the reader with some powerful tools to refute the Catholic Churches' argument that Peter was the first Pope. According to this article there are three offices cited in the bible that were named with the qualifications relating to them. Those offices are: the Apostles; Elders and Bishops; and Deacons. Cardinals and Popes are never mentioned. This site also gives a strong impression that the bible was written and completed in the first century AD. However, I have already spoken of the last entries being made by the Council of Trent in the 16th century that officially closed out the writings of the bible in the Roman Catholic Church. Although it may be considered technically true that the scriptures were written in the first century (actually the Old Testament was written before

the first century), there were discussions and alterations made in several councils before the final Council of Trent (this applies to the Roman Catholic version). Pratte does go into some very interesting details in citing the scriptures to support his arguments and concludes that by using the documentation of the Roman Catholic Church he is able to refute the argument that Peter was the first Pope. For example, by citing passages in any bible, there is no reference to Peter having any title other than apostle, just like the other apostles and his influence was no greater than that of Paul's. In fact he says that all of the apostles had basically the same qualifications and authority. If you wish to confirm this information you should have a bible nearby as a cross reference, especially the New Testament, because Pratte will assume that you are aware of some verses beforehand. Despite my personal criticism, I must admit that he does do a commendable job in proving his point.

There are too many obvious contradictions between ecclesiastical teaching and the practices of the Pope. For example, The Vatican claims Peter as the first Pope, but he was recognized as being a married man with a family, while there is no hard proof that he in fact ever was a Pope. This is a highly contested issue that has no written supporting documents as proof positive so it becomes an emotional issue of blind faith without rational inquiry. **The Jefferson Bible certainly does not mention Peter as being named pope** (Jefferson also seems to have been stymied by the fact that Jesus did not write anything down, an observation that Thomas Paine discusses in detail in "The Age of Reason"). In fact no bible can make that claim. The best information that I have found regarding the intimacy between the clergy and women is in the Council of Nicaea in 325 and sponsored by the Emperor Constantine. At this council it was determined that a priest could not sleep in

the house of a woman unless it was that of his mother, his sister or his aunt. This is interesting because clearly Peter was married and there were no restrictions against marriage for the clergy in the Bible. The word pope itself was not known to have been used when Peter was alive nor for many generations thereafter (Pope). This is an important issue, because this is the foundation that supposedly gives the Pope the authority to be the so-called King of the world**. I don't believe that there are any known documents that provide irrefutable proof that he was in fact a Pope**. As far as I can determine he was an apostle who worked with other apostles in a council in much the same way that a council of elders functioned in other societies. The first to carry the title of Pope was the Patriarch of Alexandria, Pope Heracles (232-49AD). The popes began to use the title regularly only in the 15th century. It is difficult to determine when the title Pope was first used in Rome, some reports suggest the 6th century while others suggest the 3rd or 4th century. But one thing is certain**, Peter never held the title of Pope**, thus making it virtually impossible to prove that he was a Pope. Why isn't there any documentation that proves that he was a pope? Maybe it is time to validate or revalidate the credentials of those who have been using traditional authority or fraudulent documents to enslave the world with one debt crisis after another. A good starting point would be to have the Isidorian Decrees analyzed by historians and using scientific methodology to determine the validity of these documents. Believe it or not there are writers that blame the policies of the church for the world debt crisis (Is the Cult). It's truly remarkable how one problem leads to another and actually, we can find clauses in the Magna Carta that deals with usury and church laws. The church undoubtedly held great sway over the use of usury (charging interest on loans) when it had the power to do so and Christians were at one time

prohibited from using usury. At this time there were no laws for Jews against this practice which in turn created great resentment against Jews and yet some say that this may have been the only employment available to them (unfortunately this is a very complicated subject with a 4,000 year old history and can be traced to different religions and secular authority). In other words, it looks like the time has come to do a background check on our leaders and see if they qualify to get the vote of the public to hold their confidence as the true leaders of the world. The Pope first gained real power only with the supposed conversion of the Emperor Constantine in the 4th century (many critics believe that he simply used the church to consolidate power and continued to practice paganism) and then ruled by military force for 1600 years. Many historians argue that Christians adopted many of the Pagan traditions in order to facilitate the transition from Paganism to Christianity.

I believe that it is very interesting to note that in America, there is a record of every single president who has served in the nation's highest elected office. All historians agree to this fact, but historians cannot seem to agree on a list of popes. Here we must take into consideration that the first Pope was supposedly appointed by God himself **(but it so happens that in this case there is no signed document by God to verify his selection nor can we find at least two credible witnesses to support this argument**). Then we are told that there has been an unbroken chain of popes over the last 2 thousand years and now all of sudden no one can provide us with an official list of this unbroken chain that all historians can agree on. On one list there are 276 popes, another list has 266, while another has 262 and there are still more lists that do not agree. Some writers say that there weren't any popes officially authorized by any authority to serve as pope. According to the Catholic

Dictionary, page 667, the word "pope" originally meant "father". Unless I'm mistaken, Mathew 23:9 expressly forbids calling any man "father" as a title of religious honor. Why was there a teenage pope? At one time there were many popes as the word pope was used by bishops in their jurisdictions. Then later there were the patriarchs who were considered to be equal to the pope in Rome. Why were there only Italian popes for many years (455 consecutive years before Pope John Paul II)? Why are all popes Europeans? Why do Christians disagree about the validity of the office of the Pope? Why is there pornography painted on the walls inside the Vatican? Why did the Pope function as a military government for 1600 years and converting people by force? How many people know that it wasn't until 1870 that the Italian government finally assumed control of Rome? Popes between the years 1870 and 1929 were considered to be prisoners in the Vatican, according to their own testimony and it was only in this year of 1929 that Mussolini authorized the Papacy to exist as a free state with temporal and religious authority in the Lateran Treaty. These are but a few of many questions that need to be answered to clarify the purpose of the Pope in history. It is impossible to separate the church and the state in the teaching of history when the Papacy ruled a military state for 1600 years. In fact the Pope only gave up military power after being overcome by superior military force after the Reformation when nation states began to openly contest his authority. He still maintains diplomatic relations with other nations and therefore is able to influence political thinking which promotes his philosophy. Another important question is why is it that if the world has existed for billions of years, there was never any reason to have a pope until only 2,000 years ago? In other words if the world could do without popes for billions of years why do we need one now?

It is extremely interesting when one reads the views and quotes of Giuseppe Garibaldi regarding the Pope and religion. It must be noted that Garibaldi is the national hero who united Italy as a republic as the most popular military commander in the history of Italy and there are statues throughout Italy and many other countries that honor his legacy. So his quotes are very interesting. In 1882, the year that he died, he reportedly wrote, **"Man created God, not God created man"** (Giuseppe)**. If you go back and read the chapter on Science and Mythology you might begin to appreciate his wisdom.** He did much in his lifetime to limit the temporal power of the Papacy. At an international congress in Geneva in 1867 he proposed: "**the Papacy being the most harmful of all secret societies ought to be abolished"** (Giuseppe)**.**

On top of the Janiculum Hill in Rome there is a statue of him on horseback. His face was originally turned in the direction of the Vatican, but after the Lateran Treaty in 1929 the orientation of the statue was changed upon request of the Vatican (according to one page on the Internet). Apparently the Vatican was haunted by the ghost of Garibaldi.

SUMMARY

Throughout this study I have tried to show the relationship between the Treaty of Tordesilhas and the contributions of Cabo Verde in addition to the resulting consequences that affect our society today. I have tried to highlight various views of those individuals who have recognized certain problems which have resulted from this treaty and related papal bulls. Although I mention the contributions of Cabo Verde that should not be taken to mean that I have ignored the negative consequences of the treaty, which are many. Some readers may wonder how all of this information relates to Cabo Verde, because at first glance they may not make the connection. The truth is that I never considered many of these issues until I started to focus on the treaty and the famous demarcation line which of course was represented by Cabo Verde. Gradually I realized that many other issues were connected to this treaty that usually goes unnoticed. One of the biggest problems was trying to understand the mindset that the treaty established for the Europeans who made the voyages to the New World and the manner in which they dealt with the indigenous peoples. A major difficulty of course, was trying to understand how this manner of thinking could actually be legalized by supposedly civilized peoples. **Where was the official authority and how was it justified? This analysis led me to the Vatican and the power of the Pope**. This factor creates extraordinary challenges in trying to clarify the problems in a rational way of thinking. This is one of the reasons that I found the writings of Thomas Paine to be quite interesting. He seems to present a very logical essay in his views of religion and the problems that it causes for the masses. He also recognizes the "government as a necessary evil in its best state and in its worst state an intolerable one". He believed that after a new system

of government was established in America (after the American Revolution) "a revolution in the system of religion would follow (**since 1990 there are strong indications that this revolution is now taking place in America.**[4] In Appendices I & II I try to present my views on how this issue might be approached by openly discussing and examining the role of religion in society). Human inventions and priestcraft would be detected and man would return to the pure unmixed and unadulterated belief of one God and no more. **Every national church or religion has established itself by pretending some special mission from God, communicated to certain individuals".** Paine held very strong religious views as he stated explicitly, "I don't believe in the creeds of any churches that I know of**. My own mind is my own church"** (---. The Age of Reason)**.**

I have tried to review the problems in Canada that involves genocide of indigenous peoples with the support of government and religion. **Based on my findings so far, it seems to be quite clear to me that there is plenty of evidence to support these claims for anyone willing to investigate the matter further**. I have personally been in contact with indigenous peoples in several countries and certainly have reasons to sympathize with their problems. For example, a well respected

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[4] Time magazine published an article 12 Mar 2012 on page 41, by Amy Sullivan under the title "The Rise of the None's". The "None's" are those people who have turned away from organized religion because they consider it as being rigid and dogmatic. According to this article, "the fastest growing religious group in the US is the category of people who say they have no religious affiliation." "[…} their numbers have more than doubled since 1990. Major surveys put them at 16% of the population"

Mik Mak Indian writer in Canada, explained to me that Indians were not citizens of Canada before 1947 and were considered to be wards of the state, whatever that means. The people and institutions who should be helping them solve their problems are the very ones who are responsible for the problems in the first place and have little incentive to correct them. For those readers who wish to investigate this matter further, I strongly recommend that you search for**: Reverend Kevin Annett and the Canadian Holocaust** (Hidden from History)**.**

I know that some people will blame the Indians for their own problems and say that if they would never have allowed the Europeans in their territories during the discovery period this would not have happened. This point is also made by Alex Haley in his book "Roots" when one slave tells another slave that both the Indians and the Africans made the same mistake, "You offer him (the European) to eat and sleep, then the next you know he kickin' you out or lockin' you up!" The Indians probably should have confiscated all their weapons and checking them (the invaders) for communicable diseases before allowing them to enter their territories.

Many people will argue that this is a modern world and it is controlled by the powerful, so those of us who are still alive should be silent and be thankful for what we have and try to make the best of what remains of our lives. I totally disagree; **religion has played a key role in the development of our thinking and has ruined many lives in the process.** Religious symbols have been seen as signs of hate by many people. Some sects burn crosses, others wave flags with the Knights Templar dressed in shining armor and red crosses. This latter example was seen in the massacre of Oslo in July 2011. Jerusalem represents a symbol for different religions in their struggle to

conquer and control the city. The fourth Pope is believed to have resided in Jerusalem. The Jews claim the Messiah will come to Jerusalem and therefore it is their Holy City. The Moslems claim it as the third most important city of Islam after Mecca and Medina. How many innocent people have died for this cause? After the Oslo massacre, many writers are starting to finally recognize the problem of Christian Terrorism. This new attitude will naturally seek to find the origins of this terrorism, which regrettably leads to Rome, the origins of the Bible, a few Papal Bulls and the Treaty of Tordesilhas. It is also regrettable that many of these policies are still in effect today. If the coat of arms of Pope Alexander VI is prominently displayed in the oratory of the Knights of Columbus in Rome, what does this say about the philosophy of this organization which is highly respected by the Pope and the US Government?

I have tried to explain some of the thinking of Thomas Jefferson because he was one of the very few US presidents, if not the only one who actually took the time to analyze the destiny of America and her role in history with relation to the government and the church. His thinking appears to have been at times extremely complex and heavily criticized, often with good reasons. Yet, much of his thinking should be revisited today because it affords us the opportunity to reestablish the role of human decency in the making of a modern world.

I have tried to show how Africa was divided and the natives were considered to be inferior as a people without rights to negotiate the partition of their own continent. All of these issues represent serious problems that affect all of us today. Is there anything that we the people can do to solve these

problems or must we suffer the consequences? I'll discuss problems and recommended solutions in the next section.

I have also tried to explain some of the concepts of the writings of Richard Tarnas and his unusual insight into the problems of western thinking that could very well explain the world debt crisis if the voters can get the public officials to ask the right questions. Thomas Paine's writings will probably become more popular today than in 1794 once people start to recognize the full meaning of his message and see how it fits in today's world.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I believe that we must get a better understanding of the real problems that were created by the Treaty of Tordesilhas and subsequent doctrines that have roots in this treaty. Here are some recommendations that will help us to better understand many of society's problems today:

1. Learn about the Papacy and review how this institution was created and how the Popes were selected. Although cardinals select a pope today, this practice has only existed for about a 1,000 years. Cardinals didn't exist in the first 1,000 years of the church. It looks like there weren't any instructions on the selection process for a pope for about a thousand years. Considering that Pope Urban II was invested with the power of God, which implies all of the other popes as well. I must confess that I cannot understand how this system could exist in the first place without a structural foundation that was solid. Did you know that there was a teenage pope? (Pope John XII). During this process, try to determine how to justify their wealth, power and immunity from scrutiny that is expected of ordinary citizens. Some answers to this question may be found by reviewing the Lateran Treaty in 1929 which basically establishes the Papacy's role in the modern world. This treaty may be seen by some critics as a Trojan horse that equips the pope with the tools to rule the world as the Holy Roman Emperor. How wealthy was the first Pope? In fact a better question is, "Who was the first Pope"? How did the popes accumulate enormous wealth? Didn't Jesus say that it was easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than it was for a rich man to enter Heaven? Why

is the church sitting on gold and preaching poverty to the masses that pay for the gold? Who wrote the Pope's job description and where is it archived today? How can anybody have a job without a job description? If the common citizen could learn this secret, unemployment would disappear overnight and the world economy would be saved. Perhaps the Vatican Curia can answer that question. How many coats of arms are there in the Vatican that are represented by swords or daggers? Whatever happened to the teaching of, "live by thy sword and die by thy sword"? What is the role of the Vatican Curia and why is this group so secretive?

2. Learn about the Papacy and international banking. Is this the way the Bible teaches us about banking? What about the story of the money lenders in the Temple? How does that story compare to the banking practices of today by the Vatican?

3. Read the Papal Bulls of Pope Nicholas V that were written in 1452 and 1455 and determine if your religion supports these bulls. Also read the bulls of Pope Alexander VI in 1493.

4. Read about the Episcopalian Conference of 2009 that repudiated these bulls and determine if there is anything that you might be able to do to participate in the solution.

5. Read some of the writings of Thomas Paine, such as; "The Age of Reason" and "Common Sense" and determine how this writer could affect the thinking of

today when discussing religion and the state when contrasted to the rights of man.

6. Read about the Reverend Kevin Annett in Canada and his ongoing campaign to prove genocide in Canada by the churches and the government. In the meantime try to determine if there may be a way to personally participate in the solution.

7. Read about the Berlin conferences in Germany in 1884 and 1888 to understand how Africa was divided and by whom. Look at a map that shows how the boundaries were made then and how they appear today. How does this situation affect the Middle East? There isn't much that you can do here other than understand the situation a lot better than what is being told in the media today.

8. Read about the "Final Solution" for the Indians in Canada which was proposed in 1910 by the Indian Affairs Superintendent Duncan Campbell Scott (Hidden). Did this suggestion inspire the Nazis in Germany?

9. Read "Leopold's Ghost" by Alan Hochschild and learn how 50% of the Congo population was exterminated.

10. Read about the stories of some American Indians and their views of history.

11. Read about the Aborigines in Australia and see how their land was taken by the Christian Doctrine of Discovery.

12. Determine how the Bible was originally written and who approved it and under what conditions. An official bible did not exist as such for several centuries. Suddenly, writers would transcribe selected writings and vote on them as being the **Word of God**. Although Constantine started the process in 325 with the Council of Nicaea, it would still take many years to agree on what should be formally included in the bible. There was another council in Carthage in 397 that helped to resolve the problem and then there was the Council of Trent in 1545-1563 that formally approved the final books of the Bible. These writings are now known as the Holy Bible and there are many different versions on the market today. Can the many contradictions of the bible represent one god or do they represent many gods?

13. By the Emperor legalizing Christianity it made it easier to control the Empire as the Pope could excommunicate anyone who did not obey the Emperor and fight for his cause. This is a situation that is eerily similar to the participation of the Vatican as an accomplice to the Third Reich in WWII (Manhattan). The Church also played a similar role in Spain during the Civil War in 1936 (Junquera). Perhaps it's time that man learns to think for himself and make decisions based on rational thought instead of the hysteria propagated by delusionary despots who seek world conquest by any means.

14. Review the history of Alexandria, Egypt and try to learn as much as possible about the famous library in the city. This will not be an easy task. Apparently the library was damaged many times during its violent history over a

one thousand year period. Alexandria was a major influence on early Christianity. The library contained many of the ancient writings that held the secrets of world civilization. Don't forget that the city sits on the estuary of the Nile which runs south all the way to Uganda while being just opposite Greece and Europe on the Mediterranean and close to the Old Persian Empire and Palestine. This city was considered to be the world center of knowledge for famous scholars long before the bible was written. Different writers accuse different protagonists for destroying the library by fire. Here is one such example: "In 389 AD the Christian Emperor of Byzanz Theodosius ordered the Bishop of Alexandria, Theophilos to destroy all pagan monuments. […]. In Alexandria the great temple of Serapis is called the Serapeum and attached to it was the Great Library of Alexandria where all the wisdom of the ancients was preserved. **Theophilos knew that as long as this knowledge existed people would be less inclined to believe the Bible so he set out to destroy pagan temples"** (Lahanas).

15. Read, The Jefferson Bible and compare it to other bibles. Was Jefferson right in trying to apply common sense instead of ancient mythology and radical thinking that restricts the free thought of the people? Jefferson was a man of extraordinary talents and had a scientific mind, what did he understand about the bible that the common citizen was unable to comprehend? It seems as though there are too many contradictions in the bible for the common person to understand and thus one becomes dependent on an intermediary to explain these contradictions. Obviously such intermediaries are human

beings and they attempt to provide council that enhances their powers over the minds and thinking of men. I feel confident that Jefferson considered this possibility to be a great danger to the freedom of religion and the free thought of man that would jeopardize the future of all humanity if left unchecked.

16. If the church is separate from the state, why did Reagan establish an ambassador in the Vatican? In fact the whole idea of an ambassador in the Vatican appears very suspicious in the view of many people. That's another subject that should probably be explored. **A good place to start would be to read "The Vatican Holocaust" by Avro Manhattan.**

These readings are just a few suggestions to give you some familiarity with the problems of understanding about the role played by the churches and how their policies were conducive to genocide. It also is important to take into consideration the need to think about religion in a rational manner instead of being obsessed with emotional instincts that could easily tarnish our thinking. Do a background check on any institution that attracts your loyalty and determine if their philosophy is really in harmony with your own. Never try to convert someone to your way of thinking when it comes to religion and politics. Simply make honest suggestions that will lead a person to the facts to increase one's knowledge. Let common sense and rational thinking dominate your life instead of blind loyalties without questions that could easily compromise your personal integrity. You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink. When the horse is thirsty he'll drink so the same should be true of your relationships with your family and friends, when they are thirsty for knowledge they will drink

from the cup of knowledge and free themselves from bondage and find a way to survive in the modern world despite the restrictions placed on them by the power rats and religious zealots who claim to be our saviors on earth while we must wait for a later time to benefit from our labors. **Many good people have been inspired by religion so religion is not necessarily a bad thing**. In fact there are some very commendable aspects of the church that should be fully recognized. Many genealogical records, for example, have been maintained in church archives for centuries that have been extremely valuable in searching for family history. Many ecclesiastical social organizations have contributed to the well being of the poor in many countries when governments were lax in their responsibilities. We must also recognize the work of the monks who dedicated themselves to writing the bible by hand for centuries before the printing press was invented in 1455. Regardless of one's religious beliefs, the writings of the monks provide historians with valuable data in assessing religion in history.

You can believe in any God and any religion that you desire if it gives you the comfort that you seek in your spiritual life. Your God can have any name that you prefer.

Without access to His or Her original birth certificate, who can argue with you about your choice of a name for your God? We all need hope and salvation and we should all apply common sense and reason to reach our goals and hopes and dreams. Like one famous TV detective used to say, "Just give me the facts". So if we have the facts we have a good chance of dealing with our problems and finding solutions.

CONCLUSION

I believe that it is safe to say there are some conclusions that can be drawn from this report.

Cabo Verde and the Cape Verdean people were chosen by the Pope to play a major role in the implementation of the Treaty of Tordesilhas with its related bulls.

The Papacy has been instrumental in military conquest, theft and genocide throughout its history. There are many papal bulls and treaties to support this accusation.

That many nations have been founded on the principle of the Christian Doctrine of Discovery and the supposition that indigenous peoples are not humans and therefore have no legal rights to the lands on which they have lived for thousands of years because their claims are not documented in any registry of deeds. The counter claim to this argument is the high probability that the Christian doctrine of Discovery is based on a forged document known in history as **the Donation of Constantine. Another question would be to determine exactly how the Europeans obtained their deeds to property in the first place. In other words, did Adam have a property deed registered somewhere? If not, then property deeds must have been invented by someone at some specific time in history.**

That the Papacy which has been the leading practitioner of this doctrine has historically been one of the worlds's most unstable institutions and exemplified by military conquest and financial greed. The selection process for a successor has been

very secretive which has contributed to the instability of the institution, especially in the first 1,000 years.

The inability or refusal of the Papacy to revoke fraudulent and damaging assumptions against the indigenous peoples of the world has contributed dramatically to the suffering and fate of these people without a fair trial and damages the legacy of the Papacy.

The Roman Catholic Church resisted calls for reform within the church by executing major religious figures while trying to cling to power by enforcement of military might and corruption. The trial of Savonarola in the 15th century testifies to the truth of this statement.

The church ruled a military regime for 16 centuries beginning with the Emperor Constantine in the 4th century AD and ending in 1870 with the dissolution of the Papal States. This was not a voluntary act on the part of the church but rather an act imposed by external authority in the name of the Italian government in 1870 (Papal States). In the meantime the church has many international treaties with powerful governments that act as surrogates for the church in expanding her authority over the world.

Although the Cape Verdean people and Cabo Verde have played center stage as a major catalyst in the enforcement of the power of the church, this was indeed a fraudulent enterprise that was conducted without the full knowledge of the Cape Verdean people and therefore should require a detailed apology from the church.

The church has been a huge disappointment and very hypocritical in her response to legitimate grievances of the faithful and lacks the courage to recognize the crimes of the church as an institution. An article in "The Guardian Weekly" of 30 Sep 2011 claims that a survey in Germany found that about 75% of the people are disappointed in the way that the church has handled the sex scandals and many people are leaving the church. The church typically defers responsibility for her crimes to individual nameless members of the church rather than the institution of the church itself. However, on March 13th of 2000, Pope John Paul II made a famous apology at St. Peter's Basilica for the church's violence, persecution and blunders and seeking forgiveness for sins committed against Jews, heretics, women, Gypsies and native peoples. He pleaded, "Never Again" (Calhoun). Although this apology may sound credible to many people, in reality this sounds like it was a bogus apology because the Pope never considered revoking any of the papal bulls or treaties that caused many of these problems and destabilized millions of native inhabitants on four continents who are still living under the yoke of imperialism and foreign domination and occupation without legal recourse to resolve their problems. By revoking these bulls and treaties the Pope would be making a major contribution to humanity and providing these victims with the necessary tools to help resolve this historical injustice. **All indications are that the Pope is afraid of law suits against the church or perhaps he fears a mass exodus from the faithful which would greatly diminish his authority. There still exists the possibility which is even more frightening and that is his desire to avoid making any statements that would affect the ability of the papacy to carry out what many critics believe is a hidden agenda which appears to be**

world conquest with the Pope being the new emperor of the Holy Roman Empire.

If we apply Thomas Paine's definition of infidelity in this case (see p.103) we can see the real problem here. If the Pope really believed in his apology he would have revoked the treaties and bulls that caused the problems, which would have had a tremendous positive psychological effect on the hopes and dreams of indigenous peoples around the world. It also reminds us again of Martin Luther King's words, that, "It is always the right time to do what's right". Now we will probably have to wait until we have an indigenous pope before the subject will be seriously raised again.

I would like to make another comment on Paine's infidelity statement because it offers an interesting insight into his own thinking as well as that of Jefferson (who was clearly obsessed with Manifest Destiny which contradicts the statement that all men are created equal). Despite the rationale of many of his arguments which appear to be that of an extremely honest person, I get the feeling that both he and Jefferson instinctively believed that Indians were savages and non-humans (and possibly the Africans as well), which is difficult to understand since both men were well aware of the savagery of European Kings, Queens, Emperors and Popes. Somehow, it seems that they both believed in a rational god but neither showed any remorse for the fate of Indians or Blacks. So the only rational answer that would justify Paine's infidelity statement seems to be a subliminal belief that Indians and Blacks were not fully human in their stage of development when the Europeans arrived in America. It could also be argued that Europeans were not fully human when they arrived in America, especially when viewed by Indians or Blacks.

It is a known fact that the Library of Alexandria did exist long before Christianity became the leading religion in the city and was eventually destroyed although it may have been damaged many times before its final destruction. There are many reliable stories of violence in the city as three major groups vied for influence; Pagans, Christians and Jews. In the 7th century the city came under the control of Islam**. Based on this information, there is a very high probability that all of the non-Pagan religions would have had a vested interest in destroying those writings which existed prior to the publication of the Old Testament**. Nevertheless, the church did in fact rely on some of the teachings of the Greek philosophers in the teaching of science (Aristotle). **I strongly suspect that some major religious institutions may still have some of the writings of the pre-Christian and pre-biblical world in their secret archives.** I believe that there were many opportunities to acquire these writings during the sacking of Constantinople in 1204 or even much earlier when the Patriarch Theophilos ordered the destruction of all pagan temples in 389 or 391 AD.

After the schism in 1054 the Roman Catholic crusaders attacked the Eastern Empire, most notably in 1204 when Constantinople was sacked. There are strong indications that suggest that the literature of the Church of Constantinople was "removed" and taken to Rome.

The old Doctrine of Discovery became known as Manifest Destiny. Today the code words are Globalization (which actually began in Cabo Verde as the result of the Treaty of Tordesilhas) and the New World Order.

Two popes were elected in 1378; one in Rome and one in Avignon and these popes excommunicated one another for several decades before a reconciliation agreement was reached in 1417. Actually a third pope appeared on the scene and the German King Sigismund who later became the Holy Roman Emperor called the Council of Constance (Konstantz) (1414-1418) and demanded that they resolve the problem because nobody seemed to know who was the legitimate pope. Finally Pope Martin V was elected to end the 3- pope controversy and order was restored (Council of Constance). Sounds like a civil war. There was a great schism in 1054 with the Eastern Roman Catholic Church which has remained independent despite overtures of reconciliation by the Vatican council known as Vatican II in 1962. During the reign of St Cyril in the 5th century in Alexandria there was another schism.

Alexandria fell to Islam in the 7th century and in 1453 Constantinople fell to the Turks. These major events weakened the Pope's authority dramatically over the Eastern Empire and had a lasting effect on the Papacy. The result of this weakness is depicted in the attitudes of the Popes who were determined to conquer non-Christians when the New World was discovered. It also meant that attention would now be focused on the west while the eastern countries would determine their own future without Rome. In other words, it seems that in order to circumnavigate the spread of Islam, Portugal, Spain and the Vatican conspired to initiate the discovery period of history which greatly enhanced the power of the Papacy through the Treaty of Tordesilhas.

The schism of 1378 had a heavy influence on John Wycliffe, a theologian in England who condemned the church for selling indulgences and being superstitious by saying that

the wine and bread never changed during the mass but remained as wine and bread. He along with some prominent followers and later Savonarola of Florence were the main precursors to Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation.

The Emperor Gratius conferred the title of Pontifex Maximus (Supreme Pontiff) upon Pope Damasus near the end of the 4th century, thus making him the first pope in history to bear the title of Supreme Pontiff. Emperor Gratius was the last Roman Emperor to hold this title which gave him the authority under Imperial Law to be the head of the church. So in this sense, the pope received his official authority as head of the church from the emperor and claims to the contrary have not been approved by competent authority or verified by official documentation according to my research.

Cabo Verde played a major role in history for which it has been seldom recognized.

Cabo Verde played a major role in the development and expansion of the United States (the acquisition of the Louisiana Territory and the Pacific North West have documented evidence that provide irrefutable links to Cabo Verde) and contributed significantly to the process of globalization and world trade.

The role played by Cabo Verde in the Treaty of Tordesilhas became the foundation that established the Doctrine of Discovery on all of the major continents of the world including Antarctica when the Russians claimed the continent under the doctrine of discovery in 2007 which gives them first claim to all the oil and gas deposits under the sea in the area.

The Roman Catholic Church has been heavily involved in the institution of slavery and justifying the practice by citing famous saints in their writings that actually supported this infamous trade along with certain biblical passages.

Many of the problems of today throughout the world can be traced directly to the Vatican and a cult of secrecy that has never been open to public scrutiny. This ancient tradition may be changing as the Vatican Bank has come under investigation for money laundering recently, but somehow these investigations usually become just inconvenient nuances for the Vatican. I have also seen some information that the Vatican plans to allow public viewing of about 100 secret documents perhaps in the year 2012. However, I also suspect that the documents that will be open for public scrutiny will have little effect on public impressions of the Vatican.

According to many historians the Pagan Emperor of Rome had a dream (or maybe it was a vision) in the 4th century and converted Rome to Christianity. It now appears that his dream can be traced to millions of atrocities throughout history and has become a nightmare for the world to endure.

Thomas Jefferson; one of the most venerated thinkers of world history; was a firm believer in the separation of church and state and frequently warned of the perils if his advice went unheeded. Unfortunately, the principles of his advice have been violated many times and the world has suffered tremendously as a result of this insanity.

I have tried to provide the reader with enough information in this short work to help recognize the role played by Cabo Verde in the Treaty of Tordesilhas and the impact that it has

today. Hopefully, it has been clear that in this report, the combination of the church and state has often resulted in deadly consequences for indigenous peoples who have been classified by these two elements as being of an inferior nature without the same basic human rights as recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human rights of 1948. I have also tried to show that our reliance on these institutions without an honest and open debate has seriously hindered our development as normal human beings.

Because these conclusions represent a wide scope in diversity with an international impact involving billions of people of many different religions and civilizations it is virtually impossible to recommend one solution that is acceptable for all. Therefore it is probably best to say that each person who seeks truth and understanding of the problems herein cited should take the time to read the references that I have recommended for further study. Try to have an open mind when studying the problems and seek Divine Guidance where conflicts arise from your previous learning.

Once you have recognized the real problems, then it should be much easier to seek real solutions. So when this moment arrives, I really believe that many solutions will become self evident. You should be able to sense many new possibilities in creating your own income through your own initiative instead of relying entirely on the so called security of the state and large corporations which have influenced your thinking in the past. As an independent thinker you will try to make the best of your time on earth and serve your cause with honor and distinction and learn to become far more self-reliant than in the past. You will find yourself cooperating with others who seek rational solutions to irrational problems, rather than trying to

impose your thinking on them. You will have a much better understanding of religion and problems associated with it. Finally this new knowledge will give you the strength and wisdom to make the best decisions in your life and you will be much better prepared to fulfill the purpose of your life in accordance with the design of the Creator.

History is written by the victors and not by the victims and many of the writings of the latter have been destroyed or suppressed and so we learn to believe what the victors have taught us without the opportunity to verify their convictions which eventually become our own.

It may be a good idea when making judgment on the arguments presented in this book to consider the following (If you believe that Jesus founded the church): Do you believe that he would dress in full military gear and ride a horse into battle to conquer infidels to convert them to his religion? Do you believe that he would use prostitutes as models to paint the Virgin Mary on the walls of the Vatican? Do you believe that he would appoint only European popes for 2,000 years (even though he himself was not a European)? I'm certain that you can create many more questions using this technique.

APPENDIX I

WHY CABO VERDE?

It has been more than 200 years since Thomas Paine wrote "The Age of Reason" and we have yet to see his predictions come true about evaluating religion in an open atmosphere (he expected this to take place in America), but due to the current state of affairs in the world, I believe that it is now the right time to take a closer look at his philosophy and I believe that Cabo Verde has the essential ingredients to begin this evaluation. In Appendix II I will give a more precise proposal.

Cabo Verde has many desirable qualities that can be applied to the study of our human existence since the dawn of the Discovery Period in the 15th Century. Some of these qualities are the following:

1. The mixture of races between Europeans, Africans and others.

2. A Diaspora that is more than twice the size of the local resident population.

3. More than 550 years of history that has been virtually ignored by all the major nations despite the extraordinary contributions made to world history.

4. A recently approved independent democratic nation that is still in search of its true potential.

5. An example of a nation with limited natural resources that has made great progress despite extraordinary

problems of poverty, illiteracy, frequent droughts and famines and a weak infrastructure.

6. A nation trying to make an honest assessment of the challenges that lie ahead with a determined vision to significantly improve the lives of **all citizens** so that they may reach their true potential.

7. A Diaspora that may be just beginning to recognize the true value of Cape Verdean heritage.

8. Cabo Verde is in a position to benefit from the current world economic crisis if the country can learn to make the necessary adjustments and provide the proper incentives to attract qualified investors.

9. The unusual mixture of races and religions has had a profound effect on the history and culture of this small nation. Due to the unusual achievements of these people in the field of religion, these islands should be an excellent place to do research and determine how they managed to make such an extraordinary impact on world religions.

10. Since Cabo Verde is a small country with much diversity and the birth place of the New World that was uninhabited before the arrival of Europeans and Africans, it becomes an interesting laboratory to evaluate the effects of religion and paganism in the development of a new society during the last 550 years.

11. Since independence in 1975 Cabo Verde has been struggling to build a new society with the potential to

participate in the world economy. If Cabo Verde can develop a society that is tolerant of all people despite race, class or religion and offer education and employment opportunities based on qualified skills, there is a good chance that the rest of the world will finally begin to recognize the true value of this small nation.

12. Today old economic systems are collapsing throughout the developed world and there is an urgent need to find new nations that will serve as potential models to lead the new world economy. Although Cabo Verde is a small nation, it now has the potential to attract qualified investors by encouraging them with exceptional incentives that contributes to the dignity of the Cape Verdean people and the world economy in general. Any entrepreneur with a decent proposal that could be of good value to Cabo Verde in a national and international context should consider visiting a Cape Verdean Embassy or Consulate and discussing their proposals. Any proposals that would enhance internal security would be of extraordinary value.

13. Cabo Verde represents what I believe to be the "**greatest story never told"** and should now take advantage of the current world economic problems to tell this story to the world. I believe that this story will explain how the world economy evolved since the discovery of Cabo Verde by Antonio de Noli in 1460. During the last 550 years this history has been a burden with much suffering and a huge liability to Cabo Verde. Finally, I believe that the time has come to turn this liability into an asset which should produce tremendous

dividends if skillfully applied by the government and private enterprise.

In spite of the many contradictions that exist in the dogmas of religion and government, we must learn to accept the fact that this problem will always exist because that is part of human nature. However, we must also learn to coexist with these evils if we want to survive and thrive in this world of many conflicting interests. Thus, I strongly believe that if researchers begin to use Cabo Verde as the dividing line in history we will have a much better opportunity to analyze the true problems of the world which are an outgrowth of religion and politics. We should understand that Cabo Verde represents two dividing lines in history; the demarcation line in the Treaty of Tordesilhas and as a line that divides world history into two phases; **before the discovery of Cabo Verde and after the discovery of Cabo Verde (historians usually refer to this line as before the discovery period and after the discovery period**). It is my hope that the information in this book will enable the researcher to view world history from a different perspective with the goal of trying to better understand the true purpose of man. There is little doubt in my mind that religion and government can be useful to the development of mankind if they understand their limitations in the exercise of their judgment. In other words they must learn to practice their philosophies in moderation in much the same way that a man who imbibes in alcoholic drinks can enjoy himself if he drinks in moderation. However, if he drinks too much he often becomes a problem to society in general and society must learn to control the drunkard. So if the church and government cannot control their natural limitations then society should act and impose restrictions on them.

Since much of Cape Verdean history has been recorded and exists in written form in private collections or in public institutions somewhere in the world, it will be a great challenge to researchers to locate and document this history while it is still possible to do so. This information will have tremendous cultural and historical value to both Cabo Verde and the world in general as it will provide facts to support the theory that Cabo Verde represents the Genesis of the New World. Therefore, it seems to be logical, that once Cabo Verde understands this concept she will be in a strong position to collaborate with other nations in seeking solutions to world economic problems.

Finally, for those readers who would like to learn more about Cabo Verde's 550 year old history, I suggest that you visit: www.adenoli.wordpress.com

APPENDIX II

THE HOUSE OF SCIENTIFIC RELIGIOUS INVESTIGATIONS FOR ALL FAITHS

In order to better understand religion it seems only natural that we should investigate the origins of religion by creating a specific center for this purpose. A possible name for such an institution could be "The House of Scientific Religious Investigations for all Faiths" By applying scientific methodology we should be able to develop a better understanding of the true origins of religion. Once we have accomplished this phase of our investigation we should be able to adapt to reality and determine the true role of religion in contemporary society. Despite the challenge of overcoming ancient biases by different cultures, the goal of our investigation should be to create a non-threatening environment for all religious or non-religious groups in order to seek an honest appraisal of religious beliefs that have been practiced in different regions of the world during the last 4,000 years. Such an investigation should attempt to make a fair and honest appraisal of religious practices based on common sense and rational explanations without the need to apply mythology or any other system that is in contradiction to scientific inquiry. For example, there could be discussion to determine if 1 god + 1 god + 1 god = 1 god or 3 gods. A non-binding vote could be taken to determine the unofficial opinion of the voters; however, if the issue is considered to be sensitive and could create a hostile environment, then the results would be set aside and not made part of the official records.

The origins of these religions should be based as much as possible on actual documentation that exists in the churches,

temples, mosques, synagogues, museums and other historical centers that claim to have documents to support their religious beliefs.

It is very possible that many documents may have been deliberately destroyed to impair a more reasonable investigation, so we will have to use common sense based on consensus to determine what should be the most logical conclusion. Due to the nature of the inquiry there may be a need to have different professional opinions that offer solid arguments in defense of their theories.

Since the objective of our research will be to provide society with factual data based on scientific inquiry as much as possible regarding the origins of different religions, it should be understood that this process is not meant to demean any culture for any reason whatsoever. A major goal of this inquiry should be to learn to accept the truth as much as possible with the hope of learning to tolerate our differences. Chances are that many people will begin to see religion in a way that they never imagined before and hopefully this will be a good experience for all of us. It might be a good idea to remember Richard Tarnas' comments when he says, "The true role of religion is to keep the lower classes in order".

APPENDIX III

TIME TO RECONCILE THE PAST

It's been more than 500 years since the discovery period of history and we have been slow to recognize the atrocities committed in the name of religion and we are still suffering from the consequences of this period of history. Now I believe that we should give serious consideration to reconciling our past by making public apologies when appropriate and building lasting memorials to dignify those people who were victims of atrocities and suffered so that we could have a better world in which to reside. These memorials or shrines (in some cases) can be built and paid for by the countries who participated in the slave trade. Special attention should be given to those African nations that sold the slaves to the Europeans.

Unfortunately, many of these victims never had a chance to benefit from the results of their suffering. Nevertheless, monuments should be erected in their honor wherever possible in order to remind the world to respect the suffering that they endured.

Many people were involved in these atrocities, from many different religions and ethnic groups, all trying to make a profit. This practice has resulted in lack of trust for our fellowman. History was poorly written and often destroyed in order to hide the past. When history has been properly written, it has frequently been ignored by the prevailing authorities and thus is not taught in the schools. Under these conditions, I believe that we should develop closer ties with those nations that were directly involved in slavery, whether, Indian slavery, African slavery or European slavery, especially as it relates to

the Atlantic Slave Trade. I should emphasize that many people tend to ignore the fact that there were many European slaves in America which was brought to the attention of the American people in Alex Haley's famous book "Roots" in 1976.

We must now learn to build a new world economy with emphasis on providing opportunities to those groups in society who have been suffering the most. Cabo Verde should establish an example and initiate contact with countries that benefitted from the slave trade that came under her influence to discuss ways to improve relations while recognizing the past history that involved slavery. For example, I have already mentioned the significant contributions that Haiti made in the development and expansion of the United States during the Louisiana Purchase. Perhaps it is now time for the governments of Cabo Verde and Haiti to officially recognize the role played by the African rebels who revolted against France. In the meantime they can recognize the different ethnic groups and their countries of origin so that all nations will have the opportunity to express their grief and remorse for the past.

By establishing this contact and recognizing this history on an international level, we can begin to see how other countries became rich and powerful at the expense of the less fortunate. In this way we can take steps to improve research on the past history of these peoples and give them credit and recognition for their history. I must admit that sometimes it will be difficult to make the adjustment in reviewing the past, especially when it involves the loss of culture and the dignity of an ethnic group. Yet, we must try to give these people hope for the future. Special programs may be initiated to encourage them to participate in the new world economy. The people who

suffered the most may be given special incentives to encourage their participation in these programs.

There are many ways that these people can interact on an international level by taking advantage of their natural born talents and given the opportunities to actually put them to good use. These people have seldom been recognized for their contributions in the past, now we can give them the opportunity to have hope in their dreams.

A good example of such a program could be a link to the Afro American community in the United States. In this scenario, the Afro American community can be encouraged to visit Haiti and learn how the revolt in Haiti helped to make the United States a powerful nation. While on their tour in Haiti, they can learn about the culture and history of the people. Of course, they would also learn about the involvement of Cabo Verde and other nations in the development of Haitian history and culture while enjoying the tour. Many products can be created for export as a direct result of this contact if properly promoted.

The historical links between Cabo Verde, Brazil and throughout the Caribbean, South America, Central America and the Afro American community have been there for centuries, but never really promoted. Now that the world economy is in a grave crisis, people will want alternative solutions to solve their economic problems and I believe that the history of Cabo Verde is well placed today to take full advantage of the past if marketed by professional marketing companies. Although we are definitely making progress in this area, we still have a long road in front of us before we can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

In order to properly promote the history and culture of Cabo Verde there will be a need to be linked to a powerful emerging economy that speaks the same language. Of course, other large emerging economies are welcome and they can be expected to play a major role, but countries like Angola and Brazil will have a major advantage in the beginning due to their historical ties with Cabo Verde. Naturally, other countries like India and China are closely linked by history to the Portuguese speaking world. Ironically, this is one of the key factors in the history of Cabo Verde that is often overlooked by marketing experts. **China and India have been using the Portuguese language for 500 years and we have a strong tendency to forget that fact**. I believe that it is now time to reevaluate our history, reconcile our past with other nations and learn to take full advantage of our real opportunities that were bestowed on us by the hands of destiny.

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